



### Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration



Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

October 19, 2000

The Honorable Michael J. Finister Maryland House of Delegates 12147 Faulkner Drive Owings Mills MD 21117-1261

Dear Delegate Finifter:

Thank you for attending the September 25 informational meeting, hosted by the State Highway Administration (SHA) at the Grace English Lutheran Church, regarding a sound barrier for the Longford North community along southbound I-83 above Seminary Avenue in Baltimore County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with information from the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the sound barrier plans for the residences currently receiving high levels of traffic noise and to determine that at least 75 percent of those impacted property owners approve of the sound barrier placement. There were approximately 41 homeowners present. Ballots were distributed to impacted homeowners in attendance. An overview and materials from the meeting have been mailed to those homeowners who were unable to attend the meeting. Ballots for impacted homeowners not in attendance at the meeting have been included in their respective packets. Enclosed, for your information, are copies of the distributed materials: the agenda; an information sheet listing typical noises in the environment; two plan sheets showing two possible sound barrier locations, current noise levels, and proposed noise reduction; cross-section views of the community; and a copy of our brochure, *Community Resource Guide On Sound Barriers*.

Construction of the project is currently scheduled to begin in the Summer of 2001. This project is being included with another sound barrier project for the Country Club Par community located directly across I-83 from the Longford North community. The actual start date will be dependent on the contractor's proposed sequence of construction. The finished surface of the proposed sound barrier will be similar to existing sound barriers in the area.

My telephone number is 410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770

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Thank you for your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, of our staff, at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us.

Sincerely

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

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#### **Enclosures:**

One copy of Agenda for meeting

One copy of Sound information sheet

One copy (11" x 17") of Longford North - Sound Barrier 1 Location

One copy (11" x 17") of Longford North - Sound Barrier 2 Location

One copy (11" x 17") Cross-Sections applicable to Sound Barrier - Locations 1 and 2

One copy of MDOT/SHA brochure, Community Resource Guide On Sound Barriers



## Maryland Department of Transportation

The Secretary's Office

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September 18, 2000

The Honorable Michael J. Finister Maryland House of Delegates 12147 Faulkner Drive Owings Mills MD 21117-1261

Dear Delegate Finister:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding highway traffic noise which you sent on behalf of your constituents, Mr. and Mrs. James Hossbach, of the Hunt Ridge community, adjacent to southbound I-83 in Baltimore County. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your concerns.

You asked that the existing State Sound Barrier Policy be expanded to include an additional criterion that would apply to situations such as that experienced by the Hunt Ridge community. I know you are familiar with the review process that ended in May 1998 with the adoption of a revised Sound Barrier Policy. It is important, however to highlight several key points which led to the decisions on the revised policy.

This process involved a panel of Maryland legislators, who convened to guide the revision of our prior policy. The consensus was that it is appropriate to use public funds for sound barriers when, through some State action, an existing community has been adversely impacted by highway noise. The definition of "State action" focused on either a physical change to an existing highway or the construction of a new highway. It was concluded that normal traffic growth on an existing highway should not be a reason for us to consider a sound barrier. If we were to determine eligibility for a sound barrier based on the level of noise, regardless of when the homes were built, there would be a significant increase in the number of communities that would qualify. It would be well beyond our ability to fund these barriers. Indeed, many communities that have been built in the last few years could qualify under such a policy. We are not comfortable with this approach. Another important consideration is that sound barriers are only eligible for Federal funding if they are for communities that were built before the highway. Any change in our policy could jeopardize Federal funding. This would require us to use only State funds for barriers in this category.

The State Highway Administration has evaluated the Hunt Ridge community to determine its eligibility under the State's Sound Barrier Program. Records indicate that the Hunt Ridge community was built in the mid-1980s, after the 1962 highway system opening date for I-83. When the date criterion is not met, no further analysis, including noise level measurement tests, is performed. To do so would raise expectations that could not be met. I must therefore respectfully deny your request to perform a noise level test.

Thank you again for your letter. I regret that I cannot provide a positive response. If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at cadams@sha.state.md.us. He will be happy to assist you. Of course, you should always feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

John D. Porcari Secretary

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Dear Secretary Porcari,

You are no doubt familiar with the continuing appeals of the Huntridge community with regard to their desire to have the State extend the planned construction of sound barriers along southbound I-83 to encompass their community.

At the request of two of my constituents who live in Huntridge, Mr. and Mrs. James Hossbach, I personally visited their home and observed their beautiful back yard complete with two fish ponds and assorted shrubbery and trees. I also observed, however, intolerable road noise generated by the passing motorists and truckers on I-83, which is immediately adjacent to the Hossbach property. Because of the high noise level, the Hossbachs are unable to use and enjoy their backyard.

I am well aware of current MDOT policy which results in a determination that the Huntridge community cannot be considered for a sound barrier. Furthermore, I understand the goals of that policy and the factors that were considered when the policy was promulgated.

I do believe however that another criterion should be considered which currently is not. A sound barrier should be available to a community, notwithstanding the fact that a majority of homes impacted did not exist before the highway was constructed, if all other factors in the existing policy are met and if the noise levels, due to government action, equal or exceed a yet-to-be-determined decibel level (in excess of the 66 decibels currently required for communities where the majority of homes impacted existed before the highway was constructed). Surely, an increase in use of a highway can, at some point, be considered the equivalent of an expansion. Clearly, it is in the public interest for government to promote economic development and tourism, as the State and County have done along I-83. One unintended consequence, however, is to cause an increase in highway usage and noise. I agree that proximity to an existing highway is known or should be known by a potential homebuyer and that changes in noise levels, which result from increased traffic, are to be expected

as a highway reaches capacity. However, only reasonably foreseeable changes in noise levels are to be expected, not the changes of the magnitude in this case. The only question, then, is one of degree, i.e., what should the decibel level requirement be in such cases?

As a first step, it would be essential to know what the current noise level is at this particular location. Accordingly, I would request that you direct the appropriate person or persons in your Department to conduct a noise study at a mutually agreeable date and time at the home of the Hossbachs (10 Hunters Court, Lutherville-Timonium, MD 21093-4008, (410) 252-0130) to ascertain that information. Alternatively, I would request that you direct the appropriate person or persons in your Department to inform the Hossbachs of the names of professional traffic noise experts in the field whose conclusions and opinions MDOT would accept.

I know that Mr. and Mrs. Hossbach and the entire Huntridge community want to work with MDOT in this matter and would be most appreciative if you would help to resolve this challenging issue.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Michael J. Finister

Miss Finister

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June 22, 2000

Mr. James McD. Hossbach 10 Hunters Court Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-4008

Dear Mr. Hossbach:

Thank you for recent letter to Governor Parris N. Glendening regarding a sound barrier for the Hunt Ridge community, along southbound I-83 in Baltimore County, and your concerns over safety and security along the same stretch of highway. The Governor received your letter and asked me to respond to you on his behalf.

In 1998, the State's Sound Barrier Policy criteria were reviewed, with the assistance of a panel of Maryland legislators. The consensus was that it is appropriate to use taxpayer funds to build a sound barrier when, through some State action, an existing community has been impacted. Conversely, it was determined that it is not appropriate to expend State funds on a barrier for a community that is built after the highway which generates the noise. In coming to the latter conclusion, we considered that land-use issues have traditionally been determined locally and that proximity to the highway is known by the developer, the local jurisdiction, and the homebuyer. Changes in noise levels, which result from increased traffic, are to be expected as a highway reaches capacity and are not alone a basis for considering sound barriers.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) has evaluated the Hunt Ridge community to determine its eligibility for a sound barrier under the State's Sound Barrier Program. Their records indicate that the Hunt Ridge community was built after the 1962 highway system opening date for I-83. In order for a community to be considered for a sound barrier under the Type II or retrofit component of the sound barrier program, the majority of the affected homes must have been built prior to the highway. Based on this information, the Hunt Ridge community does not meet the date criterion and cannot be considered for a sound barrier.

Your safety and security concerns about the southbound portion of I-83 near your community and home have been forwarded to Mr. David Malkowski, SHA's District Engineer serving Baltimore County. His office will collect traffic data and visit the site to review the concerns, with your location in mind, and respond directly to you in early August.

Mr. James McD. Hossbach Page Two

Thank you again for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest, which prompted you to write. I regret that I cannot provide a positive response. If you have any additional questions or concerns regarding highway traffic noise, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at cadams@sha.state.md.us. For questions or concerns regarding traffic safety, please contact Mr. Malkowski at 410-321-2810, 1-800-962-3077 or dmalkowski@sha.state.md.us. Each of these gentlemen will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

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10 Hunters Court Lutherville, MD 21093

May 27, 2000

Governor Parris N. Glendening State House Annapolis, MD 21401

### Dear Governor:

This letter is prompted by the article in our local Improvement Association news letter. Since I have written several letters to our local government representatives as well as to the State Highway Administration, I felt that it was time to again attack the "Sound Barrier" issue. We as a community may not be successful in obtaining our goal, but it will not be because we were not tenacious. I am at a lost to understand why, if a problem exists and everyone is aware of it, that it takes so much effort to get it resolved. We purchased our house in 1985 at a time when there was very little traffic on I 83. Since that time, Baltimore County has permitted numerous construction projects to be built along the I 83 corridor between 695 and the Pennsylvania line. The article in the newsletter that I have enclosed covers the situation rather well. It just so happens that our house is less than 75 feet from the highway. Our backyard, patio, screened porch are useless due to the noise, much less the soot from the exhaust of the diesel engines.

I have in my previous letters expressed my concern over the safety & security that is jeopardized by the large trucks on the highway. As you are probable not aware, there has been in the recent past, two (2) serious accidents on I 83 within ½ mile of our property. In both cases, the drivers died due to reckless driving, since they were unable to negotiate the curve in the highway. I have asked that if the barrier wall is not going to be build, that the State Highway Administration install a protective Jersey Barrier wall along the highway directly behind our property. I do not like to sound indifferent or sarcastic, but the return letters that I receive have no resolution in them, as the writers just keep repeating the regulation about the construction date of the houses vs. the date of the highway construction.

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Governor Parris N. Glendening May 27, 2000

I have invited persons from the various agencies to visit our property and test or observe the conditions. By doing so, they would without a doubt reverse the present decision to stop this wall at Pheasant Run Court, and run it within a reasonable distance from Timonium Road. This would not be a great increase in the scope of the project, but would satisfy several taxpayers (me being one) and thus ease my anxiety about the value of our house at resale.

These are three major concerns about a situation that has been created, and I feel that you are the one person that could solve the maner in a positive manner.

I am looking forward to your cooperation and assistance as Governor of this State.

Respectfully submitted

James McD/Hossbach



## Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration

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Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

March 15, 2000

Mr. James McDonald Hossbach 10 Hunters Court Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-4008

Dear Mr. Hossbach:

This is a follow-up to your recent letter regarding the Hunt Ridge community, along southbound I-83 in Baltimore County. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your comments.

The Sound Barrier Policy is purposely structured so that all technical criteria must be met before the State will allocate public funds for a barrier. A legislative panel, convened in 1996, assisted the Maryland Department of Transportation with a review of its Policy. The panel considered what types of communities should be eligible for a sound barrier and how to define "noise impact." The panel also considered cost issues and how local jurisdictions could help protect future residents of new communities from highway noise. The resulting, revised Sound Barrier Policy, which became effective May 11, 1998, addresses two situations in which sound barriers may be considered. "Type I" criteria apply when new highways are built or existing highways are expanded. "Type II," or retrofit, criteria apply to communities that existed before the original highway was constructed.

In Type II situations, the majority of the affected homes in the community must predate the highway, existing noise levels must equal or exceed the 66-decibel impact threshold, and we must be able to build an effective barrier for \$50,000 or less per benefited residence. The evaluation of these criteria is sequential. If a community does not meet the date criterion, there is no further evaluation. If the date criterion is met, then noise levels are investigated, and, if they fail to meet or exceed the 66-decibel impact threshold, the evaluation stops at that point. If all of these technical criteria are met, the local jurisdiction must have an ordinance that addresses the impact of highway noise upon proposed, new residential development adjacent to State highways. Assuming that such an ordinance is in effect, the local jurisdiction must also agree to fund 20 percent of the barrier cost before State-funding for design and construction of a barrier is considered.

My telephone number is \_\_\_\_\_

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Each of these Type II criteria was carefully crafted to meet specific policy objectives. For instance, the consensus of the Policy Review Panel was that it is appropriate to use taxpayer funds to build a sound barrier when, through some State action, an existing community has been harmed. Conversely, it was determined that it is not appropriate to expend State funds on a barrier for a community that is built after the highway which generates the noise. In coming to the latter conclusion, we considered that land-use issues have traditionally been determined locally and that proximity to the highway is actually or constructively known by the developer, the local jurisdiction, and the homebuyer. By law, the State cannot control local land-use issues. Because the investigation of each criterion entails a significant expenditure of State resources, once we determined that the Hunt Ridge community did not meet the date criterion, we did not seek to ascertain if any of the other technical criteria were met. Traffic growth is not an element of the Type II policy.

The environmental laws that require the State to consider barriers for highway expansions came into effect in 1974. All of the capacity improvements to I-83 were designed, approved, and underway before the law went into effect.

The sound barrier adjacent to the Trinity Lutheran Church, on the inner loop of I-695 east of Joppa Road, is designed to protect the community of Village Green. The community receives noise farther back among the homes because the highway noise reflects off of the church's parking lot. The barrier is not designed for the church, but for the community adjacent to it. Mr. Thomas Hicks, our Director of the Office of Traffic and Safety reports that he is sending a response to the safety issues under separate cover, which you should receive soon.

Thank you for your comments. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, my Special Assistant, at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams
Director

Office of Environmental Design

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OFFICE OF
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February 26, 2000

10 Hunters Court Lutherville, MD 21093

Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director Office of Environmental Design P. O. Box 717 Baltimore, MD 21203-0717

Dear Mr. Adams:

I am in receipt of your letter of 2/17/2000, which is a response to my letter to County Executive Ruppersberger, reference I-83 noise & safety.

Your letter tells me nothing that I didn't already know about the time line on sound barrier walls and the state ruling. I am well aware that the highway was built in 1962, and when we purchased this house the traffic volume was nowhere near what it is today. If this rule was made, I would like to know the basis, as usually determinations are made by existing and changing conditions. Were the persons making this rule so short sighted or totally incompetent to foresee that the traffic volume would increase to its present level when the highway was designed? If so, why wasn't the noise problem taken into consideration then, and appropriation made to fund a barrier in any areas that the county permitted residential construction? If this was not taken into consideration by those in authority, then no permit should have been issued for the construction of new homes within several hundred feet of an existing highway. The same as the zoning laws do not permit you to build a house within so many feet of the property lines. This makes good sense to a neophyte, why not to an expert in the field?

There was no mention made by either the county response to my letter or your response, as to the major point of safety that I addressed originally. This point apparently is difficult to respond therefore no reply. I will keep a copy of my letter on file should we ever encounter, a serious problem due to an accident on the highway which evolves our property. This will then become an issue when the matter is brought to light, possibly in court.

The safety barrier, as you referred to in your letter, was never addressed by Mr. Hicks of the Office of Traffic and Safety.

February 26, 2000 Charles B. Adams, Director Office of Environmental Design

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Please understand that I take it as a personal insult when you send me a boiler plate letter with your secretary signing it for you, as you are no doubt to busy to sign dumb taxpayer's letters.

The stupid part of this program is that you have just completed a sound barrier wall on I-695 adjacent to the Baptist Church parking lot. (this should keep the cars from being disturbed on Sunday, when their owners are in church.) Great thinking by the design group!

As per standard procedure, I can imagine that this letter will go into the file and nothing will ever be done to correct a situation, that Baltimore County and the former SRC created.

I can rest assured that no one will give consideration to visiting this site to see just how bad these conditions have become, so the most I will receive will be a new tax bill and the satisfaction of knowing that I put my feelings on paper and sent them to someone. Apparently, you are sending copies of your no help letter to all of the politicians listed on your letter, so that they can see just what isn't being accomplished.

Sincerely,

Jámes McD. Hóssbach

Concerned & Now -- An Annoyed Taxpayer

cc: The Honorable Michael J. Finifter, Member, Maryland House of Delegates



## Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration



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February 17, 2000

Mr. James McDonald Hossbach 10 Hunters Court Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-4008

Dear Mr. Hossbach:

Your recent letter to County Executive C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger regarding traffic noise from I-83, adjacent to the Hunt Ridge community in Baltimore County, was forwarded to our office by Mr. Charles R. Olsen, Director of the Baltimore County Department of Public Works. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your concerns.

A determination of whether a community is eligible for the State's Sound Barrier Program is based on a number of technical criteria, all of which must be met. The first criterion is that the majority of the affected homes in the community must have existed before the highway was built. Our records indicate that the Hunt Ridge community was built in the mid-1980s and the highway system opening date for I-83 is 1962. Based on this information, the Hunt Ridge community does not meet the date criterion and cannot be considered for a sound barrier. I am enclosing a copy of the State's *Sound Barrier Policy* and our brochure, *Community Resource Guide On Sound Barriers*, for your information.

The construction of sound barriers cannot be considered for applications other than noise abatement. I am sorry that you feel visually impacted by the new commercial development across I-83. The State Highway Administration is not in a position to offer walls for screening.

By copy of this letter, we are referring your safety barrier concerns to our Office of Traffic and Safety. Mr. Thomas Hicks is the Director and his telephone number is 410-787-5815.

My telephone number is .	-	

Mr. James McDonald Hossbach Page Two



Thank you for your interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. I regret that I cannot provide a positive response. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, of our staff, at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Director

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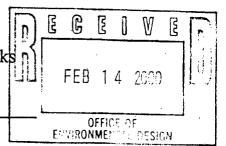
#### Enclosures:

One copy of Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration Sound Barrier Policy, dated May 11, 1998

One copy of MDOT/SHA brochure, Community Resource Guide On Sound Barriers



# Baltimore County Department of Public Works



February 10, 2000

Office of the Director 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 410-887-3300

Fax: 410-887-3406

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Mr. James McD. Hossbach
10 Hunters Court
Lutherville, Maryland 21093 - 4008

Re:

Noise Barriers on I-83

Dear Mr. Hossbach:

County Executive Ruppersberger is in receipt of your January 12, 2000 letter and has requested the Department of Public Works respond to your concerns about noise barriers on I-83. You should anticipate a separate response on the zoning and development issues raised in your letter.

The noise barrier program described in your letter is a State program, managed by the State Highway Administration (SHA). A copy of your letter is being forwarded to Mr. Charles Adams, Chief, Office of Environmental Design for SHA.

The determination as to which neighborhoods are eligible for the noise barrier program, the funding of the program, all issues related to design and scheduling of projects is the responsibility of SHA. Baltimore County is required to contribute approximately 20% toward the cost of any approved projects but we do not decide what areas are eligible or when a project is built.

Unfortunately, that is the only information that this office can furnish you in regard to your concerns.

Sincerely,

for Charles R. Olsen

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Director

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c: County Executive Ruppersberger

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10 Hunters Court Lutherville, MD 21093

January 12, 2000

Dutch Ruppersberger, County Executive County Executive Office 400 Washington Ave. Baltimore, MD 21204

Dear Dutch,

I am sure you receive many letters such as this. I feel that unless we as the residence of Baltimore County let you know how we feel, or what is bothering us in reference to County affairs, you will believe that we are all completely satisfied. I have two topics that are of major concern to me at this time. The first being the lack of the barrier wall adjacent to our property on 1 83. My main concern is the lack of safety and security along with the noise factor, since we are only approximately 50 feet from the center of the Southbound lane of the highway. In the recent past we have had 2 trucks crash and burn within site of our house. At present we only have an 8 ft. high lightweight board fence at the rear of our house, which is parallel to the highway. Should one of the tractor trailer units carrying a combustible liquid leave the highway and come through the fence it would surely destroy our house, and us if we are in it. Your help in obtaining a barrier wall or a Jersey barrier along the rear of our property and those adjacent to us, would be of great help.

The second matter is that of the privacy that we have lost, due to the construction of the office building being constructed directly across I 83 to the rear of our property. The code did not permit windows in the sides of the houses in the Huntridge development. The Permit Department of Baltimore County issued a permit to build what is the tallest building in Baltimore County, with all windows. This will give the occupants of this new building a direct view into the rear windows of our home as well as our immediate neighbors. Therefore, it appears that this would negate the value of the closely guarded covenants of this development. If there was a zoning approval sign erected on the property, it was no doubt placed on the Greenspring Drive side, or the front of the new building. Since this is a dead end street, we would not have reason to have seen this sign, if posted — thus no complaint. This condition could be corrected by a high barrier wall, (as mentioned in the first paragraph) if installed along with some tall rapid growing evergreens. This would help shield the building, the street lights, and some of the noise. This would make these conditions much more tolerable. At this time, we find it very difficult to get any value or use from our back yard.

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The traffic condition has grown steadily worse as the years progressed, with no relief in site. It is of major concern to me as to how this condition will effect the re-sale value of our house as well as the sale ability.

I would certainly appreciate a positive reply to this matter, as we have never requested a reduction in real estate taxes due to the things that have changed since we purchased this house in 1984.

I will await you response, with hope that you can be of assistance.

Very truly yours,

James McD, Hossbach

(410)/252-0130

PS I would like to thank you for your letter of thanks for the Dedication Coin & Key for the Bourni Temple dedication.



## Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration

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David L. Winstead Secretary

1291

Parker F. Williams

September 2, 1997

Mr. Jim Hossbach 10 Hunters Court Lutherville MD 21093

Dear Mr. Hossbach:

Thank you for your telephone call regarding noise issues along I-83. In particular you are concerned over the impact of highway noise on the residents of the Hunt Ridge community in Baltimore County.

Hunt Ridge is not eligible for a sound barrier because the homes were built after the construction of the highway. A copy of SHA's Sound Barrier Community Resource Guide, our noise policy and the Highway Traffic Noise brochure from the Federal Highway Administration are enclosed for your information.

I regret that we cannot be of any assistance enforcing laws concerning "gypsy truckers" parking on the shoulder of I-83, in the vicinity of the Genstar plant. I have passed on to the Maryland State Police (MSP) your concerns over the safety and noise issues raised by the actions of these "gypsy truckers". A representative from the MSP has been in contact with you and assures me that they will continue to investigate this situation to see if anything can be done to alleviate the problem.

Again, thank you for your telephone call. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James Hade of our Noise Abatement Team, who may be reached at (410) 545-8599.

Sincerely

Charles B. Adams

Director

Office of Environmental Design

encl.

cc: Lt. C. D. Tyler, Maryland State Police

Mr. James D. Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway

Administration

My telephone number is \_\_\_\_\_

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Mr. Jim Hossbach Page Two 28

bcc: Mrs. Sharon Blankenship, State Highway Administration

Mr. Dave Malkowski, State Highway Administration Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration

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### Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration



Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

August 21, 2000

The Honorable Michael J. Finifter Maryland House of Delegates 12147 Faulkner Drive Owings Mills MD 21117-1261

Dear Delegate Finifter:

The State Highway Administration will conduct an informational meeting for the Longford North community regarding the proposed sound barrier along southbound I-83. This meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 25, 2000, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., at the Grace English Lutheran Church, 8601 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville, Maryland. The purpose of this meeting is to present information about the sound barrier. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. We look forward to meeting with you on September 25. If you have any questions before the meeting, please feel free to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by e-mail, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams

Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

Ms. Natalie B. Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

My telephone number is <u>410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770</u>

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### Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration

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Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

June 27, 2000

The Honorable Michael J. Finister Maryland House of Delegates 12147 Faulkner Drive Owings Mills MD 21117-1261

Dear Delegate Finister:

This letter is a follow up to your recent letter to Mr. Ted Severe, of our Noise Abatement Team, on behalf of your constituent, Ms. Lisa Koste, requesting an extension of the proposed sound barrier for the Longford North community from its terminus near Pheasant Run Court to Timonium Road along southbound I-83 in Baltimore County. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your concerns.

The sound barrier currently under design is for the Longford North community and will be located along southbound I-83. The project limits start approximately 2,500 feet north of Seminary Avenue and end at Seminary Avenue. The exact northern terminus will depend on the length of barrier needed to protect the impacted homes in Longford North. The barrier is being built to fulfill a commitment that was made by the State Highway Administration (SHA) in the mid-1980s to the Longford North community. Governor Glendening announced last year that this commitment will be honored. The commitment did not contemplate extending a sound barrier all the way to Timonium Road.

The Hunt Ridge Community, that begins at Pheasant Court and continues northward to Timonium Road, has been evaluated by SHA to determine if it is eligible for a State-funded sound barrier. The results of that evaluation determined that the majority of the homes in the Hunt Ridge community were built after the 1964 opening date for I-83. As a result, the community is not eligible for our Sound Barrier Program.

My telephone number is 410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770

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The Honorable Michael J. Finister Page Two

Thank for your letter. I regret that I cannot provide a positive response to your constituent's request. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, who can be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by e-mail, at cadams@sha.state.md.us. He will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

shith I. Homer, Deputy Parker F. Williams

Administrator

Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration CC:

The Honorable Paula Colodny Hollinger, Member, Senate of Maryland

Ms. Lisa F. Koste

The Honorable Dan K. Morhaim, Member, Maryland House of Delegates

Mr. T.E. Severe, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration

The Honorable Robert Zirkin, Member, Maryland House of Delegates

## The Honorable Michael J. Finister Page Three

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Lisa Koste to Mr. Ted Severe

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# The Maryland House of Delegates

Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

Tuesday, June 13, 2000

Mr. Ted Severe Department of Transportation 707 North Calvert Street Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Ted:

I am writing on behalf of one of my constituents, Lisa Koste regarding sound barriers along Southbound I-83 between Timonium Road and Seminary Avenue. I would like to request an investigation regarding the termination point of the wall. It seems that the projected end of the wall is at Pheasant Run Court, which is one of the courts in the Huntridge Community. A small stretch from Timonium Road to Seminary Avenue should be included in this sound barrier project.

Thank you.

Sincerely

Michael J. Finifter

cc:

Jim Hade, Office of Environmental Design Natalie Hardie, Office of Environmental Design Lisa Koste Ron Bowers Kathleeen Beadell



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The Maryland House of Delegates Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

Tuesday, January 11, 2000

Mr. Parker F. Williams Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration P.O. Box 717 Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Parker:

I am again writing on behalf of my constituent, Mindy Morrell regarding sound barriers in Longford North along southbound I-83 in Baltimore County. I would like to request a status report since your last letter dated November 23, 1999.

Thank you.

Sincerely

Michael Finister

Mrs. Mindy Morrell, 8506 Tallwood Road, Lutherville, MD 21093-3914

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# MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION THE ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE (PHONE 410-545-0400 FAX 410-209-5009) REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF CORRESPONDENCE PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND PREPARED CORRESPONDENCE TO ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

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Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

November 29, 2000

The Honorable Jennie M. Forehand Senate of Maryland 214 James Senate Office Building 110 College Avenue Annapolis MD 21401-1991

The Honorable Kumar P. Barve Maryland House of Delegates 7 Belinder Road Gaithersburg MD 20878-5249

The Honorable Michael R. Gordon Maryland House of Delegates 416 Hungerford Drive Rockville MD 20850-4127

The Honorable Cheryl C. Kagan Maryland House of Delegates 726 College Parkway Rockville MD 20850-1929

Dear Senator Forehand and Delegates Barve, Gordon, and Kagan:

This is a follow-up to the State Highway Administration's (SHA) October 16 informational meeting for the Owens Glen and Westleigh communities in Montgomery County regarding the sound barriers associated with the highway widening project along MD 28. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with this update.

One step in the State's Sound Barrier Policy requires that 75 percent of the impacted homeowners in the community must be in favor of the sound barrier project before SHA completes the design of the barrier and begins construction. By a ballot vote following the recent informational meeting, the Owens Glen and Westleigh communities have reached the required 75 percent concurrence. We anticipate that the construction start for the widening project to be in the Spring of 2001.

Concurrence confirmation letters have been forwarded to those Owens Glen and Westleigh homeowners considered to be "impacted" and "benefited." Enclosed, for your information, are lists of those homeowners.

My telephone number is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770

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Thank you for your continuing interest in the State's sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at <a href="mailto:cadams@sha.state.md.us">cadams@sha.state.md.us</a>. Of course, you should feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams

Administrator

#### **Enclosures**

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**Enclosures:** 

List of Owens Glen Property Owners

List of Westleigh Property Owners

MD 28 - Owens Glen Community		
Property Owners		
Menar Properties	6116 Executive Boulevard #401, Rockville MD 20852-4914 For 15537 Ambiance Drive, North Potomac MD 20878-2355	
Mr. Mohammad S. Bagheri	11504 Kimbark Court, North Potomac MD 20878-2356	
Ms. Jean-Marie Cherubim	11505Kimbark Court, North Potomac MD 20878-2356	
Mr. and Mrs. Peter N. Johnson	15561 Ambiance Drive, North Potomac MD 20878-2355	
Mr. and Mrs. George A. Mitchell	15549 Ambiance Drive, North Potomac MD 20878-2355	
Mr. and Mrs. John L. Moore, Jr.	11509 Kimbark Court, North Potomac MD 20878-2356	
Mr. and Mrs. Narayananan Natarajan	15545 Ambiance Drive, North Potomac MD 20878-2355	
Ms. Janet L. Ochsman-Nichols	15553 Ambiance Drive, North Potomac MD 20878-2355	
Mr. Michael E. Potter	M.T.M. Management Associates, Inc. 26221 Ridge Road, Damascus MD 20872-0182	
Mr. and Mrs. Ravindra B. Shukla	11501 Kimbark Court, North Potomac MD 20878-2356	
Ms. Marilyn G. Smith	15512 Summer Grove Court, North Potomac MD 20878-2370	
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Thorp	15541 Ambiance Drive, North Potomac MD 20878-2355	
Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Wang	15557 Ambiance Drive, North Potomac MD 20878-2355	
Mr. and Mrs. Roger W. Yerger, Jr.	11500 Kimbark Court, North Potomac MD 20878-2356	

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MD 28 – Westleigh Community		
Property Owners	Address	
Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Akiyama	5 Turnham Lane, North Potomac MD 20878-2618	
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond H. Avent	11 Turnham Lane, North Potomac MD 20878-2618	
Mr. and Mrs. Ramesh C. Batta	4 Treworthy Road, Gaithersburg MD 20878-2614	
Mr. and Mrs. John G. Boothe	1 Turnham Lane, North Potomac MD 20878-2618	
Mr. and Mrs. Jose Cao-Garcia	American Embassy Rome, PSC 59 BOX 12 APO AE 09624	
,	for 19 Redding Ridge Drive, Gaithersburg MD 20878-2616	
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Carpenter	1 Treworthy Road, Gaithersburg MD 20878-2620	
Mr. and Mrs. Donald N-H. Chi	7 Turnham Lane, North Potomac MD 20878-2618	
Mr. and Mrs. Steven M. Eidelman	15 Turnham Court, Gaithersburg MD 20878-2619	
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond M. Florance	17 Redding Ridge Drive, Gaithersburg MD 20878-2616	
Mr. and Mrs. Chong M. Han	21 Redding Ridge Drive, Gaithersburg MD 20878-2616	
Mr. and Mrs. Taeho Jo	17 Turnham Court, Gaithersburg MD 20878-2619	
Mr. and Mrs. Ajab Khan	9304 Cedar Lane, Bethesda MD 20814-3935	
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Mr. and Mrs. Jongmin M. Lee	19 Turnham Court, Gaithersburg MD 20878-2619	
Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Lewandowski	23 Redding Ridge Drive, Gaithersburg MD 20878-2616	
Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Massey	5 Turnham Court, Gaithersburg MD 20878-2619	
Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. McCarthy	3 Turnham Lane, North Potomac MD 20878-2618	
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Ms. Katie D. Sanders	3 Treworthy Road, Gaithersburg MD 20878-2620	
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Mr. and Mrs. Erich J. Stafford	25 Redding Ridge Drive, Gaithersburg MD 20878-2616	
Mr. and Mrs. Wen-Po Tsai	15 Turnham Lane, North Potomac MD 20878-2618	
Mr. Cesar Vieira	11 Turnham Court, Gaithersburg MD 20878-2619	
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Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

September 25, 2000

The Honorable Jennie M. Forehand Senate of Maryland 214 James Senate Office Building 110 College Avenue Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Forehand:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct a follow-up informational meeting for the Owens Glen and Westleigh communities regarding the proposed sound barriers along MD 28 in Montgomery County. This meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 16, 2000, at 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., at the Quince Orchard High School, 15800 Quince Orchard Road, Gaithersburg, Maryland. The purpose of this meeting is to present the latest information about the sound barrier and to determine if 75 percent of the impacted homeowners approve of the proposed sound barrier. This vote will be taken by ballots provided to each impacted homeowner. Displays will be available from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. We look forward to meeting with you on October 16. If you have any questions before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie B. Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams

Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration Ms. Natalie B. Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

My telephone number is <u>410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770</u>

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Transportation

Mr. T.E. Severe, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration

Mr. Charlie K. Watkins, District Engineer, State Highway Administration

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Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

October 26, 2000

The Honorable Jennie M. Forehand Senate of Maryland 214 James Senate Office Building 110 College Avenue Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Forehand:

This letter is a follow-up to the October 19 informational meeting, hosted by the State Highway Administration (SHA) at the Quince Orchard High School, regarding sound barriers for the Owens Glen and Westleigh communities along MD 28 in Montgomery County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with the following information from the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the sound barrier plans for the residences of these two communities that will receive high levels of traffic noise as a result of the improvements planned for MD 28. In addition, we needed to determine that at least 75 percent of those impacted property owners in the two communities approve of the sound barrier placement. Approximately 100 homeowners were present at the meeting. Ballots were distributed to impacted property owners in attendance. An overview, materials from the meeting and ballots for impacted homeowners have been mailed to those homeowners who were unable to attend. Enclosed, for your information, are copies of the distributed materials: the agenda from the meeting; an information sheet listing typical noises in the environment; plan sheets showing the sound barriers' locations for both communities, current noise levels, and proposed noise reductions; cross-section views of the communities; and a copy of our brochure, Community Resource Guide On Sound Barriers. Construction of the improvements to MD 28, which will incorporate the sound barrier project, is currently scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2001 and be completed by the Spring of 2003.

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Thank you for your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us.

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Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams Administrator

#### **Enclosures**

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway

Administration

Ms. Natalie B. Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design,

State Highway Administration

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Mr. Charlie K. Watkins, District Engineer, State Highway Administration

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Enclosures:

One copy of meeting's Agenda

One copy of **Sound** information sheet

One copy each (11" x 17") of *Plan Sheet* and *Cross-Section Views* (total of 4 sheets) for each community (Owens Glen and Westleigh)

One copy of MDOT/SHA brochure, Community Resource Guide On Sound Barriers





Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

August 14, 2000

The Honorable Jennie M. Forehand Senate of Maryland 214 James Senate Office Building 110 College Avenue Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Forehand:

This letter is a follow-up to the July 19 informational meeting regarding a proposed sound barrier for the Westleigh and Owens Glen communities along MD 28 in Montgomery County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with the following information.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss several sound barrier options that the State Highway Administration (SHA) is analyzing for these communities as a result of the improvements planned for this section of MD 28. The residents were presented with two options for the Westleigh community and three options for the Owens Glen community. Once the preferred placement for the sound barriers has been determined, another meeting will be held to present the findings and to determine if at least 75 percent of those property owners that will be impacted by noise from the improvements are in favor of the barriers. An overview and materials from the meeting have been mailed to those homeowners who were invited but were unable to attend the meeting. Enclosed, for your information, are copies of the materials distributed at the meeting.

Because this project is being included with the improvements along MD 28, the actual start date may shift, depending on the contractor. The finished surface of the proposed sound barrier has not been determined. The project is scheduled to begin construction in the Spring of 2001. Mr. Stephen Ches, Project Engineer from our Highway Design Division, is in the process of scheduling a meeting with you and County representatives to discuss the details of the improvements to MD 28. Once a date is determined, you will be notified.

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Thank you for your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie B. Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams Administrator

**Enclosures** 

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Highway Administration

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#### Enclosures:

One copy of the 07/19/2000 meeting's Agenda

One copy of Sound informational sheet

One set of 11" x 17" sheets: Plan of Study Area and Cross Sections in community, Cases 1-3 (3 sheets), Case 1 and 2 (2 sheets)





Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

September 25, 2000

Betty Hager Francis, Director
Prince George's County Department of
Public Works and Transportation
Suite 300
Inglewood Center III
9400 Peppercorn Place
Largo MD 20774

Dear Ms. Francis:

This letter is a follow up to your recent discussions with Mr. Neil Pedersen and Mr. Charles B. Adams regarding the design of new sound barriers along State highways in Prince George's County. Specifically, you were interested in being involved in the selection of the aesthetic treatments that would be used for these barriers.

As indicated in County Executive Curry's letter, dated October 14, 1999, to Governor Parris N. Glendening, Prince George's County agrees with the use of brick or brick-like finishes on some of the barriers. We are developing several samples of brick finishes. These will aid in the selection of the finish for a "pilot" project on I-95 for the Auth Village and Princeton/Andrews Manor areas. Use of a brick finish on subsequent projects will be coordinated with your office before the designs proceed. Additionally, we will coordinate with your office on the use of aesthetic treatments developed by Mr. Steven Weitzman. We look forward to working with you in the development of designs that reflect Prince George's County's desires for the appearance of new sound barriers.

Thank you for your ongoing interest in this issue. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Adams at 410-545-8640, 1-800-446-5962, or cadams@sha.state.md.us. He will be happy to assist you.

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Parker F. Williams

Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration Mr. Neil J. Pedersen, Deputy Administrator for Planning and Engineering, State Highway Administration

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# THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

#### OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE



October 14, 1999

The Honorable Parris N. Glendening Governor State of Maryland 100 State Circle Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Parris:

CE Charles Courses what we have to come to the country of the coun Thank you for your recent letter notifying Prince George's County that the State Highway Administration has completed noise studies that identified two additional sound barriers in the County as eligible for inclusion in the State's sound barrier construction program. These two are in addition to the seven barriers identified previously for inclusion in the program. The additional sites identified for barriers are the western portion of the White Oak community and an extension of the barrier serving the Hollywood community. The construction of these sound barriers certainly will improve the quality of life for residents adjacent to the Capital Beltway.

Secretary of Transportation John Porcari and State Highway Administrator Parker Williams have advised that Prince George's County must commit to fund 20 percent of the construction cost for all nine of the new sound barriers. I understand that the County must provide the State with the funding commitment prior to the start of design and construction of these needed sound barriers.

Please accept this letter as the commitment of Prince George's County to fund the required 20 percent share of the construction cost, up to \$2.6 million, for the sound barriers noted on the enclosure, subject to the conditions set forth below.

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We recognize our current Capital program of \$2.6 million does not equal the required 20 percent match of the current estimated construction cost of the nine barriers as noted on the enclosure. We believe that the barrier construction cost may be conservative. With an eight percent reduction in the total construction cost, the County's \$2.6 million would fund the local share for all nine barriers. Should the construction cost remain the same or increase, we propose a priority list for sound barrier construction be developed by the State and approved by the County. This priority list and refined cost estimates would be the basis for either seeking additional funding or deferring one or more barriers until the funding becomes available.

Further, given the proliferation of less than aesthetically pleasing sound barriers in the Metropolitan area, the County believes that it is time to address the issue of aesthetics. We support and appreciate the opportunity to have demonstration sound barriers using brick or a brick-like facing constructed in Prince George's County in locations we can mutually agree upon. As part of this demonstration project, we would expect that the County would fund 20 percent of the currently estimated cost to construct brick or brick-like sound barriers at the locations identified on the enclosed chart.

In addition, we request the State to construct the remaining sound barriers using the artistic treatments developed by Brentwood artist Steven Weitzman. It is our understanding that there is little or no additional cost to use these artistic elements, for which form liners already exist over the cost of the standard State sound barrier. Color renderings of these barriers are enclosed to this letter. If necessary, the County would be willing to participate in a very modest construction cost increase to achieve the aesthetic benefit in the County.

I believe that it is time that the State recognize the need to increase State Aid to the local jurisdictions to address additional funding requirements. Virtually every local jurisdiction in the State has a backlog of bridge, roadway and concrete replacement needs primarily due to funding limitations. While sound barriers and other State programs add to the quality of life for our constituents, required local funding on these programs further reduces the amount of funds available to address local bridge, roadway and pedestrian needs. Your support is solicited to increase the amount of State and/or Federal aid received by the local jurisdictions. Alternatively, the State could fund all or a portion of the local backlog of bridge replacement needs to offset the local funds required on the sound barriers and other State programs such as sidewalks and enhancements.

Please feel free to call me or Mr. P. Michael Errico, my Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, if there are any questions regarding our funding commitments or our request for increased funding assistance. We look forward to mutually addressing these concerns.

Sincerely,

Wayne K. Curry County Executive

#### **Enclosures**

Cc: John D. Porcari, Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation

Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

P. Michael Errico, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

Betty Hager Francis, Director, Department of Public Works and Transportation

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#### Approved State Sound Barriers In Prince George's County

Location		Prince George's County Share
1. I95/495 at Auth Village*	1,190,000	238,000
2. 195/495 at Woodlane*	1,270,000	254,000
3. I95/495 at Temple Hill Terrace*	3,800,000	760,000
4. 195/495 at Yorkshire Village*	1,740,000	348,000
5. I95/495 at Princeton/Andrew Manor*	1,190,000	238,000
6. 195 at Powder Mill Estates**	780,000	156,000
7. I95/495 at Hollywood Extension**	1,480,000	296,000
8. I495 at White Oak Manor**	1,220,000	244,000
9. I495 at Knollwood**	1,500,000	300,000
Estimated Totals	1. \$14,170,000 Y	\$2,834,000

<sup>\*</sup>Brick

<sup>\*\*</sup>Steven Weitzman design elements



# Maryland Department of Transportation

The Secretary's Office



Parris N. Glendening Governor

Kathleen Kennedy Townsend Lt. Governor

John D. Porcari Secretary .

Beverley K. Swalm-Staley Deputy Secretary

December 13, 1999

The Honorable Wayne K. Curry Prince George's County Executive 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive Upper Marlboro MD 20772

Dear County Executive Curry:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Parris N. Glendening regarding sound barriers in Prince George's County. The Governor received your letter and asked me to respond to you on his behalf.

Prince George's County's commitment to fund its share of the cost for sound barrier projects is noted. The State Highway Administration (SHA) is in the process of gathering information to respond to your sound barrier-related concerns. Once this information has been gathered, I will get back to you. You may expect to hear from me by the end of November.

Thank you again for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and we are looking forward to working with Prince George's County and its representatives to make these sound barriers a reality. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

ohn D. Porcari Secretary

Mr. P. Michael Errico, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Prince George's County Ms. Betty Hager Francis, Director, Prince George's County Department of Public Works cc:

Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration



November 29, 2000

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Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

The Honorable Brian E. Frosh Senate of Maryland Suite 800 West 7475 Wisconsin Avenue Bethesda MD 20814-3412

The Honorable William Bronrott Maryland House of Delegates 4415 Rosedale Avenue Bethesda MD 20814-4752

The Honorable Marilyn Goldwater The Honorable Nancy K. Kopp Maryland House of Delegates 221 Lowe House Office Building 6 Governor Bladen Boulevard Annapolis MD 21410-1991

Dear Senator Frosh and Delegates Bronrott, Goldwater, and Kopp:

This is a follow-up to the State Highway Administration's (SHA) recent informational meetings for several communities in your district in Montgomery County regarding planned sound barrier projects along I-495. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with this update.

One step in the State's Sound Barrier Policy requires that 75 percent of the impacted homeowners in the community must be in favor of the sound barrier project before SHA completes the design of the barrier and begins construction. By a ballot vote following the recent informational meetings, the following communities reached the required 75 percent concurrence. Please refer to the table below for complete information.

Meeting Date	Community	Highway	Construction Start
May 23, 2000	Burning Tree Estates	I-495 Outer Loop	Summer 2001
July 18, 2000	Wildwood Manor*	I-270 East Spur	Spring 2001*
August 22, 2000	Longwood	I-495 Inner Loop	Spring 2001
September 13, 2000	Bradley Manor	I-495 Inner Loop	Spring 2001

<sup>\*</sup> This project has been included with the I-270/Rockledge Drive Interchange project.

My telephone number is \_\_\_\_\_410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770

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Concurrence confirmation letters have been forwarded to these communities' homeowners considered to be "impacted" and "benefited." Enclosed, for your information, are lists of those homeowners by community.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the State's sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at <a href="mailto:cadams@sha.state.md.us">cadams@sha.state.md.us</a>. Of course, you should feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams

Administrator

**Enclosures** 

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Administration



The Honorable Brian E. Frosh The Honorable William Bronrott The Honorable Marilyn Goldwater The Honorable Nancy K. Kopp Page Three

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#### Enclosures:

List of Burning Tree Estates Property Owners

List of Wildwood Manor Property Owners

List of Longwood Property Owners

List of Bradley Manor Property Owners

I-495 – Burning Tree Estates		
Property Owners	Address	
Mr. Kooros Sotudeh	7601 Carteret Road, Bethesda MD 20817-2020	
Mr. and Mrs. Aloyzas V. Aidis	7605 Carteret Road, Bethesda MD 20817-2020	
Mrs. Robert M. Beauregard	7609 Carteret Road, Bethesda MD 20817-2020	
Ms. Fatemeh Sohrabi	7613 Carteret Road, Bethesda MD 20817-2020	
Mr. Daryoush Kianpour	7600 Carteret Road, Bethesda MD 20817-2021	
Mr. and Mrs. Harvey R. Gold	7604 Carteret Road, Bethesda MD 20817-2021	
Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Chang	7610 Carteret Road, Bethesda MD 20817-2021	
Mr. and Mrs. David O. Finkenbinder	7614 Carteret Road, Bethesda MD 20817-2021	
Mr. and Mrs. Jude E. Franklin	7616 Carteret Road, Bethesda MD 20817-2021	
Mr. Ming-Hsien Chen	7617 Carteret Road, Bethesda MD 20817-2020	
Dr. Ronald E. Gots	7707 Cindy Lane, Bethesda MD 20817-2024	
Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Menge	851 Hunters Trail, Sun Prairie WI 53590-2572	
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Mr. Joseph M. Spina	7706 Cindy Lane, Bethesda MD 20817-2025	
Mr. Stephen J. Frank, Jr.	7710 Cindy Lane, Bethesda MD 20817-2025	
Mr. and Mrs. Zachary A. Kreisman	7714 Cindy Lane, Bethesda MD 20817-2025	
Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Glucksman	7718 Cindy Lane, Bethesda MD 20817-2025	
Mr. and Mrs. Matthew E. Kurlansky	7601 Dwight Drive, Bethesda MD 20817-2026	
Mr. Fred Wong	7605 Dwight Drive, Bethesda MD 20817-2026	
Mr. James G. Brown	7608 Dwight Drive, Bethesda MD 20817-2026	
Mr. and Mrs. Philip J. Ulzheimer	7609 Dwight Drive, Bethesda MD 20817-2026	
Ms. Lily C. Lim	7613 Dwight Drive, Bethesda MD 20817-2026	
Mr. and Mrs. J. Albin Yokie	7617 Dwight Drive, Bethesda MD 20817-2026	
Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Myers	7621 Dwight Drive, Bethesda MD 20817-2026	
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Mr. Henry Maslowicz	7612 Dwight Drive, Bethesda MD 20817-2027	
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Mr. and Mrs. Alan I. Karpas	8800 Earl Court, Bethesda MD 20817-2004	
Mr. Michael J. Moran	8801 Earl Court, Bethesda MD 20817-2004	
Mr. M. Vali Zabiheian	8811 Seven Locks Road, Bethesda MD 20817-2053	
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Dr. and Mrs. Ronald L. Sollock	7501 Glennon Drive, Bethesda MD 20817-2004	
Mr. and Mrs. Aman O. Tahmasebi	9203 Cedar Way, Bethesda MD 20814	
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Mr. Pritpal Bhogal	7504 Glennon Drive, Bethesda MD 20817-2031	
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Mr. and Mrs. Wang-Kwong Koon	7508 Glennon Drive, Bethesda MD 20817-2031	
Mr. and Mrs. James W. Fauquier, Jr.	7700 Groton Road, Bethesda MD 20817-2031	
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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D.W. Fauquier	7715 Groton Road, Bethesda MD 20817-2036
Ms. Heidi H. Razzughi	7716 Groton Road, Bethesda MD 20817-2036
Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Williams	7720 Groton Road, Bethesda MD 20817-2036
Mr. and Mrs. Allan S. Kullen	7723 Groton Road, Bethesda MD 20817-2036
Mr. Kenneth Poerstel	7724 Groton Road, Bethesda MD 20817-2036
Dr. Malcolm M. Martin	8501 Old Seven Locks Road, Bethesda MD 20817-2000
Mr. Yaddollah Zanjani	15501 Fellowship Way, Gaithersburg MD 20878-4719
Mr. Scott Melnick	for 8401 Old Seven Locks Road, Bethesda MD 20817-2006
Mr. Shahryar Mafi	8405 Old Seven Locks Road, Bethesda MD 20817-2006
Mr. Jay Karver	
Mr. and Mrs. August F. Hoenack	8409 Old Seven Locks Road, Bethesda MD 20817-2006
Ms. Susan W. Rittenberg	7600 Quintana Court, Bethesda MD 20817-2042
Ms. Carol F. Kamina	7601 Quintana Court, Bethesda MD 20817-2042
Mr. Zdenek Sadlik	9219 Quintana Drive, Bethesda MD 20817-2001
Mr. and Mrs. Martin J. Kelinsky	9223 Quintana Drive, Bethesda MD 20817-2001
Dr. Bernadene S. Schlien, PhD.	9224 Quintana Drive, Bethesda MD 20817-2002
Ms. Deborah K. Paxson	9001 Quintana Drive, Bethesda MD 20817-2038
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Shannon	9005 Quintana Drive, Bethesda MD 20817-2038
Mr. Touraj Khalepari	8505 Seven Locks Road, Bethesda MD 20817-2008
Mrs. Kathleen Walsh	
Mr. and Mrs. Bradford H. Dockser	8509 Seven Locks Road, Bethesda MD 20817-2008
Drs. Marcel and Valerica Maican	8601 Seven Locks Road, Bethesda MD 20817-2010
Ms. Bertha S. Gunther	8605 Seven Locks Road, Bethesda MD 20817-2010
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Mr. and Mrs. Robert I. Jacobson	7505 Shadywood Road, Bethesda MD 20817-2065
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Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Parke	7511 Shadywood Road, Bethesda MD 20817-2065
Ms. Marilyn E. Courtot	7513 Shadywood Road, Bethesda MD 20817-2065
Mr. C. Wyman	
Dr. and Mrs. Lee J. Helman	7600 Shadywood Road, Bethesda MD 20817-2067
Mr. Dong Hee Lee	7502 Shadywood Road, Bethesda MD 20817-2065

I-270 East Spur – Wildwood Manor		
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Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

September 25, 2000

The Honorable Brian E. Frosh Senate of Maryland Suite 800 West 7475 Wisconsin Avenue Bethesda MD 20814-3412

Dear Senator Frosh:

This letter is a follow-up to the September 13 informational meeting, hosted by the State Highway Administration (SHA) at the Wyngate Elementary School, regarding a sound barrier for the Bradley Manor community along the inner loop of I-495, beginning at Greentree Road and ending approximately 2,600 feet east of Greentree Road toward Fernwood Road in Montgomery County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with the following information from the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the sound barrier plans for residences currently receiving high levels of traffic noise and the need to determine that at least 75 percent of those impacted property owners approve of the sound barrier placement. There were approximately 13 homeowners present. We have followed up with those homeowners who were unable to attend the meeting by providing them with copies of the materials distributed at the meeting. Those impacted homeowners not in attendance were also provided with postage-paid ballots to signify their approval or disapproval of the sound barrier project. At the community's request, SHA will contact the community when the 75 percent concurrence is achieved and will also perform post-barrier construction noise level measurements.

Enclosed, for your information, are copies of the meeting's distributed materials: the agenda; an information sheet listing typical noises in the environment and their respective noise levels; a plan sheet showing the location of the proposed sound barrier, current noise levels, proposed noise reductions and cross-sections of the roadway; and a copy of our brochure, Community Resource Guide On Sound Barriers.

Construction of the sound barrier project is currently scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2001 and will take up to two years to complete. As this project is being included with the construction of two other nearby sound barriers along I-495, the actual start date for the Bradley Manor sound barrier will depend on the contractor's proposed sequence of construction. The finished surface of the proposed sound barrier will be exposed aggregate on the residential side and a double-raked finish on the highway side. The highway side of the barrier would also be stained a dark brown to match other nearby existing sound barriers.

My telephone number is 410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770

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Thank you for your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams Administrator

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Copy of meeting's Agenda

Copy of Sound informational sheet

Copy of meeting display (11" x 17") - Plan of community showing placement of proposed sound barrier, existing noise levels, calculated noise reduction after placement of barrier, cross-sections, impacted-and-benefited properties and benefited properties

One copy of MDOT/SHA brochure, Community Resource Guide On Sound Barriers



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Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

September 11, 2000

The Honorable Brian E. Frosh Senate of Maryland Suite 800 West 7475 Wisconsin Avenue Bethesda MD 20814-3412

Dear Senator Frosh:

This letter is a follow-up to the August 22 informational meeting, hosted by the State Highway Administration (SHA) at the Davis Community Library, regarding a sound barrier for the Longwood community along the inner loop of I-495 between Bradley Boulevard and Greentree Road in Montgomery County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with the following information.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the sound barrier plans for residences currently receiving high levels of traffic noise and the need to determine that at least 75 percent of those impacted property owners approve of the placement of the barrier. An overview and materials from the meeting have been mailed to those homeowners not in attendance at the meeting. Enclosed, for your information, are copies of the materials distributed at the meeting.

Several homeowners raised the following issues: placing the sound barrier on private property in several areas; possibly constructing the barrier in the median between the inner and outer loops of I-495; and determining whether the difference in elevation between the inner and outer loops was considered in the barrier design. We will review and evaluate these requests and, once our review is complete, we will forward the results.

Construction of the sound barrier project is currently scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2001 and will take up to two years to complete. As this project is being included with the construction of two other nearby sound barriers along I-495, the actual start date may shift depending on the contractor. The finished surface of the proposed sound barrier will be exposed aggregate on the residential side and a double-raked finish on the highway side, similar to existing nearby sound barriers.

My telephone number is <u>410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770</u>

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Thank you for your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie B. Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director of the Office of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams Administrator

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#### Enclosures:

One copy of the 07/18/2000 meeting's Agenda

One copy of **Sound** informational sheet

One set of 11" x 17" sheets (total of 3 sheets): Plan of Study Area and Cross Sections (2 pages)



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Parris N. Glendening
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August 30, 2000

The Honorable Brian E. Frosh Senate of Maryland Suite 800 West 7475 Wisconsin Avenue Bethesda MD 20814-3412

The Honorable William Bronrott Maryland House of Delegates 4415 Rosedale Avenue Bethesda MD 20814-4752

The Honorable Marilyn Goldwater The Honorable Nancy K. Kopp Maryland House of Delegates 221 Lowe House Office building 6 Governor Bladen Boulevard Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Frosh and Delegates Bronrott, Goldwater, and Kopp:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the sound barrier issue with the Heritage Walk Homes Corporation (HWHC) for the I-270 East Spur/Rockledge Drive/MD 187 interchange project in Montgomery County. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your request.

Over the past year, there have been a number of meetings and letters regarding this issue. The analysis of the noise that would be generated from the completed interchange facility determined that the Heritage Walk community did not meet all of the eligibility criteria for a sound barrier. Given that and the community's concern for visual impact to the community, the State Highway Administration (SHA) developed a screen fence alternative to minimize the visual intrusion into the community. Upon the development of cost information for this proposal and given the expenditure which SHA would make to acquire right-of-way from the HWHC, it was deemed reasonable to offer the construction of a sound barrier to the same limits as the screen fence option. Extending a sound barrier to include the Earlsgate Lane area was not considered reasonable, as the combined noise and visual effect upon homes in that area would be negligible. We still feel this to be the case and cannot agree to the time extension, which the HWHC has requested.

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In your letter, you asked that SHA provide additional time for the HWHC to consider SHA's offer for a sound barrier. Staff members from SHA met with representatives from HWHC on August 22 to discuss questions they had raised about the technical noise analyses performed for this project. As a result of the meeting, additional information will be forwarded to the community in an effort to assist them with making the decision on the State's offer, as outlined in our July 24 to Ms. Ellen Paul, HWHC President. We anticipate that the requested information will be transmitted during the week of August 28. Given the upcoming Labor Day holiday weekend, we can provide an extension for the community's response on SHA's offer until September 8. If the community decides not to accept the offer, we would include a landscaped screen wall as outlined in previous correspondence.

You had also asked that we require the developer of the Rockledge project to pay for a sound barrier for the entire Heritage Walk community. As we have indicated in previous correspondence on this topic, we have an executed agreement with the developer that fixes his monetary contribution to the SHA project. The developer has indicated that he is not willing to provide additional funding for the cost of a sound barrier. At this point, we need to come to closure on this issue with the community and feel that the next step is for the HWHC to consider and respond to SHA's offer.

Thank you for your letter and your continued interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by email at cadams@sha.state.md.us. He will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

John D. Porcari

Secretary

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August 21, 2000

#### By Facsimile and U.S. Mail

John D. Porcari Secretary MDOT PO Box 8755 BWI Airport Baltimore, MD 21240-0755

Dear John:

We have heard form the leadership of the Heritage Walk Citizens' Association {"HWCA") regarding the meeting scheduled for August 22, 2000, with members of your staff and the MDOT Assistant General Counsel. Unfortunately, previous commitments preclude our attendance. We again want to urge you and the Department to require the developer of the Rockledge project to pay for all sound abatement projects associated with the entire Heritage Walk community.

In addition, we are very concerned that the HWCA is faced with a deadline for accepting the State's noise barrier offer at a time when it is unable to hold an emergency members' meeting. We respectfully ask that the HWCA be permitted a reasonable amount of time during which it can assemble its members and secure a fully informed directive with respect to this important issue.

We appreciate your attention to the interests of the HWCA members.

Sincerely,

Brian E. Frosh

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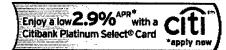
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Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

August 15, 2000

The Honorable Brian E. Frosh Senate of Maryland Suite 800 West 7475 Wisconsin Avenue Bethesda MD 20814-3412

Dear Senator Frosh:

This is a follow-up to the July 17 informational meeting, hosted by the State Highway Administration (SHA) at the Ashburton Elementary School, regarding a sound barrier for the Wildwood Manor community along the I-270 East Spur in Montgomery County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with the following information.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the sound barrier plans for residents currently receiving high levels of traffic noise and the need to determine that at least 75 percent of those property owners approve of the placement of the barrier. An overview and materials from the meeting have been mailed to those homeowners not in attendance at the meeting. Enclosed, for your information, are copies of the materials distributed at the meeting.

Several issues were raised, and several homeowners asked SHA to extend the sound barrier beyond Rossmore Court. They also asked us to discuss the removal of the right-of-way fence with each homeowner. We will review and evaluate these requests and, once our review is complete, we will forward the results.

Construction on the sound barrier project is currently scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2001 and will take up to two years to complete. As this project is being included with the improvements along I-270, the actual start date may shift depending on the contractor. The finished surface of the proposed sound barrier will be exposed aggregate on the residential side and a double-raked finish on the highway side.

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The Honorable Brian E. Frosh Page Two

Thank you for your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie B. Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams

Administrator

#### **Enclosures**

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#### **Enclosures**:

One copy of the 07/18/2000 meeting's Agenda

One copy of **Sound** informational sheet

One set of two 11" x 17" sheets: Aerial photo of Study Area and Cross Sections in community





Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

August 11, 2000

The Honorable Brian E. Frosh Senate of Maryland Suite 800 West 7475 Wisconsin Avenue Bethesda MD 20814-3412

Dear Senator Frosh:

The State Highway Administration will conduct an informational meeting for the homeowners of the Bradley Manor community to report on the progress of the sound barrier project along I-495. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, 2000, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Wyngate Elementary School, 9300 Wadsworth Drive, Bethesda. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. We look forward to meeting with you on September 13. If you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by e-mail, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us.

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Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

July 5, 2000

The Honorable Brian E. Frosh Senate of Maryland Suite 800 West 7475 Wisconsin Avenue Bethesda MD 20814-3412

Dear Senator Frosh:

Thank you for your recent letter on behalf of Mr. Devin Doolan, counsel for Patrick and Susan Wilson, regarding the sound barrier evaluation for the Grosvenor Woods community, along the eastbound I-270 East Spur, in Montgomery County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide the following information.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) considers the need for sound barriers in two circumstances, designated "Type I" and "Type II." In "Type I" situations, barriers are considered when a new highway is being built or an existing highway is being expanded. We do so to comply with environmental laws that were passed in the 1970s that require the evaluation of a range of potential environmental impacts, including noise. Under these laws, SHA performs an environmental analysis to determine if future noise levels will equal or exceed the impact threshold of 66 decibels and, if so, whether those noise levels can be reduced for a reasonable cost. Affected homes must predate the approval of the highway improvements.

When a highway already exists and is *not* being expanded - so that Type I criteria do not apply - a community that predates the original highway may be considered for a "Type II," or retrofit, barrier. The intent of the Type II program is to address areas of noise impact along fully access controlled highways (where access to and from the highway is by interchange rather than by at-grade intersections) that were built before environmental analyses became a part of the highway development process. The following technical criteria must be met for a barrier to be approved: the majority of the affected homes must predate the highway; existing noise levels must equal or exceed the 66 decibel impact threshold; and an effective barrier must be able to be built for \$50,000 or less per benefited home. If these criteria are met, the County in which the community is located must have an ordinance that addresses the impact of noise on new residential development, and the County must agree to fund 20 percent of the barrier cost.

My telephone number is 410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770

Maryland Relay Service for Impaired Hearing or Speech 1-800-735-2258 Statewide Toll Free The Wilsons' concerns are certainly understood; however, SHA has never indicated in the past that a sound barrier would be constructed for the Grosvenor Woods community. It is unfortunate that information to the contrary was provided by non-SHA personnel. In May and July 1993, SHA responded to a request for sound barriers from Mr. David Bader, Managing Agent for the Grosvenor Homeowners Association (copies enclosed). In those letters, it was outlined that the community did not meet the date criterion for a sound barrier. As the basic date criterion is not met, there is nothing that SHA can offer in this situation.

Thank you for again for your recent letter and your continued interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. I regret that I cannot provide a positive response. If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Charles Adams, Director, Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962 or by email, at cadams@sha.state.md.us.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams Administrator

#### **Enclosures**

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One copy of July 12, 1993 letter to Mr. David H. Bader, Managing Agent for the Grosvenor Homeowners Association

One copy of April 14, 1998 "good news" announcement letter to Montgomery County Executive Douglas M. Duncan from Governor Glendening



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May 10, 1993

Mr. David H. Bader Managing Agent Grosvenor Homeowners Association 11141 Georgia Avenue, Suite 512 Silver Spring MD 20902

Dear Mr. Bader:

I am writing in response to your recent letter to District 3 Engineer, Creston J. Mills, Jr., concerning traffic noise along I-270 in the vicinity of the Grosvenor community.

Our records indicate that development of this community is fairly recent and the homes did not exist at the time approval for the widening of the I-270 East Spur was received. This is one of several criteria that must be met for an area to be considered for noise abatement under the State Highway Administration Noise Abatement Policy.

There are many more requests for noise barriers that we have the resources to address. We must strictly adhere to the policy requirements in order to ensure a fair and equitable method of determining where noise abatement should be considered and constructed.

I regret we are unable to provide a more positive response to your inquiry. If you have any questions, or wish to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact me at (410) 333-8063.

Charles B. Adams

Director

Office of Environmental Design

cc: Mr. Creston J. Mills, Jr.

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GROSVENIOR WOODS

July 12, 1993

Mr. David H. Bader Managing Agent Grosvenor Homeowners Association 11141 Georgia Avenue, Suite 512 Silver Spring MD 20902

Dear Mr. Bader:

I am writing in response to your recent letter to District 3 Engineer, Creston J. Mills, Jr., concerning noise level studies for the Grosvenor community adjacent to the east leg of I-270.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) considers noise abatement only for those areas in existence when the planning studies are performed for highway projects. It is possible for SHA to anticipate where development might occur and what propriate protection would be required. Therefore, noise measurements are generally not taken at undeveloped areas.

A review of the environmental studies done for the I-270 widening project indicate that noise measurements were not taken at the present Grosvenor community because it did not exist at the time the environmental studies were performed. Since this area does not meet the date requirement under SHA policy, taking noise measurements would not change the conclusion.

A check of our files indicates that the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) might have required noise level studies as part of their development approval process. We make reference to a Brewer-Corby property which appears to be the present location of the Grosvenor community. You may wish to contact M-NCPPC in this regard.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me at (410) 333-8063.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams

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Office of Environmental Design

cc: Nr. Creston J. Mills, Jr.



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April 14, 1998

The Honorable Douglas M. Duncan Montgomery County Executive 101 Monroe Street 2nd floor Rockville MD 20850

Dear Doug:

cc:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) has received inquiries from a number of communities in Montgomery County regarding their eligibility for sound barriers. As a result of recent policy changes, we reviewed these communities to determine if they meet the revised requirements.

It is my pleasure to inform you the Barnet Road, Bradley Manor, Burning Tree Estates, Forest Glen, Longwood, Park View Estates, Wildwood Hills and Wildwood Manor communities do meet the eligibility requirements for sound barriers and I have approved funding for their design and future construction. The SHA will begin design of these barriers soon. Funding for the construction of a barrier in the Department of Transportation's Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) becomes available beginning in Fiscal Year 2001, which starts on July 1, 2000. Although funds in the earlier years of the CTP are allocated to other projects for which prior commitments had been made, we are committed to look for opportunities to advance funding for construction of these barriers once the design is completed. I have directed State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams to have his staff keep you informed of their progress.

Thank you for your patience while we conducted our investigation. I am glad to have been able to provide funding for these projects. If you need any additional information regarding any of these communities, please do not hesitate to contact Transportation Secretary David L. Winstead, at 410-865-1000.

Sincerely,

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Parris N. Glendening Governor

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June 19, 2000

Mr. Parker Williams SHA Administrator 707 North Calvert Street Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Parker:

We have received the enclosed letter from Devin Doolan, counsel for our constituents, Patrick and Nancy Wilson. As you see, the Wilsons state that representations were made to them regarding construction of noise barriers. Would you please look into this matter and provide us with a report.

Thanks and best regards.

Sincerely,

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June 12, 2000

The Honorable Brian E. Frosh 202 James Senate Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401

> Re: Patrick and Susan Wilson 10406 Snow Point Drive

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I am writing on behalf of my clients, Patrick and Susan Wilson, residents of your District, because I believe that an injustice has occurred that needs correction. In the spring of 1998, the Wilsons were looking for a home here in Montgomery County. Ultimately, they settled on their current residence on Snow Point Drive, just behind Grosvenor Lane in Bethesda. neighborhood is levely and their home is quite beautiful. made a substantial investment in the home. During the period prior to the date of closing, May 20, 1998, the Wilsons made several inquiries regarding the noise emanating from I-270, immediately behind their rear yard. They were told by the realtor that a sound barrier was to be built in their neighborhood and would be extended behind their home to afford them relief from the substantial noise created by traffic on I-270. Following this representation, the Wilsons inquired with the staff of the Montgomery County Planning A staff member confirmed that a sound barrier was to be erected by the state sometime in the reasonably foreseeable future. The Wilsons enthusiastically purchased the home in the Grosvenor Woods community.

Subsequently, to ascertain more about the timing of the sound barrier construction, Mrs. Wilson inquired with the Maryland Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration. Much to her surprise and chagrin, she was advised that indeed, a sound barrier was in the works for the general vicinity. However, in spite of their proximity to I-270, no sound barrier would be constructed abutting their street. They were told that because their neighborhood, Grosvenor Woods, was developed in the early

June 12, 2000 Page 2

90's after the approval of the widening of the I-270 East Spur, they were out of luck.

One need only visit the Wilson's property on Snow Point Drive at literally any time of day or night to be convinced that construction of a sound barrier is essential to the quiet enjoyment of their property. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson acted responsibly and made appropriate inquiries prior to their purchase. The information communicated to them regarding sound barrier construction was inaccurate as it applied to them.

Thus, I respectfully request that you investigate this matter. If you agree that the facts suggest that relief is in order for Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, I respectfully request that you contact the appropriate authorities at the State Highway Administration with a recommendation for appropriate relief for my clients.

The project number for the proposed sound barrier is M0792B21. We are advised that construction is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2001.

We look forward to discussing this matter with you at your convenience. Any efforts on behalf of the Wilsons will be sincerely appreciated.

very truly yours,

win John Doolan By DB

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cc: The Honorable Brian E. Frosh, District Office

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THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

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September 19,1986

TO:

Pat Willard, Coordinator, Transportation Planning

VIA:

Jorge A. Valladares, Chief, Environmental Planning Division

FROM:

Stephen D. Federline, Principal Environmental Plannner

SUBJECT: Environmental Issues and Recommendations on I-270

East Spur in Preparation for Location / Design Public

Hearing

Issues and Recommendations

Review of SHA noise analysis and recommendations

While we understand that a noise technical study has been completed, we have not received a copy. The Environmental Assessment does state that all residential areas along this roadway will experience noise levels in excess of FHWA standards in the design year 2010, thus requiring the examination of noise abatement measures. A commitment to provide noise barriers was not apparent in the Environmental Assessment.

\* Provision of noise abatement measures - FUNDING POLICY

A major issue involves the designation of this project for Federal funding of noise abatement measures. According to FHWA Regulations (CFR 23 Part 772.5(h)), this is a Type I project \* since it involves a "physical alteration of an existing highway which ... increases the number of through travel lanes". Thus, FHWA regulations require noise mitigation to be provided regardless of when development occured and at the same time as the highway project.

<sup>\*</sup> As you know, Type I projects involve the funding of the entire highway improvement including noise barriers within the same funding pool. Type II projects are strictly retrofit noise barriers intended to resolve current noise problems. The allocation of funds for Type II projects is based on the State's determination of need and could theoretically cause major delays in provision of noise barriers regardless of the timing of highway expansion.

Although we have not had an opportunity to review the SHA noise study or any roadway cross-sections, it appears that barriers incorporated into the trees would be preferable to the massive berms needed for effective noise reduction. Some combined approach (berm/barrier) may be possible if the major stands of trees could be protected. As stated above, the location of barriers should depend solely on projected noise impact, and not be ruled out because the date of construction of adjacent housing preceded FHWA regulations.

\* Control of quality and quantity of stormwater runoff

Since the loss of the vegetated median will also mean the loss of a valuable natural buffer to roadway pollutants and runoff, it is essential that action be taken to assure that stormwater be appropriately managed to mitigate all effects of the major increase in impervious area with the roadway widening. Page IV-3 and IV-4 of the Environmental Assessment discuss control of surface water and mention State agencies with responsibility in this area. Both M-NCPPC and County DEP staff should also be provided with detailed studies of the methods of controlling stormwater. It should also be noted that there is already a significant flooding problem downstream in the Grosvenor Park housing complex which could be exacerbated by any increase in runoff from this project.

\* Summary of M-NCPPC's Noise Mitigation Efforts Along I-270 East

Over the last several years the Planning Board and staff at M-NCPPC have aggressively promoted noise compatible land use / site planning for developments in the vicinity of the I-270 East Spur. What follows is a summary of those efforts.

Starting at I-495 and moving west along the northern side of the I-270 spur, here is pertinent information concerning implemented noise abatement measures:

GROSVENOR MEWS TOWNHOUSES south of Grosvenor Lane (site "A")

- site plan evaluation in 1980 and 1983 (#880016 & #883011)
- exterior noise reduction found feasible and consistent with recommendations made for parcel in North Bethesda Sector Plan - landscaped berm constructed at developers' expense along I-270

partially within ROW (with approval from SHA)

- some units along southern edge (currently under construction) where berming was infeasible were subjected to acoustical treatment criteria mandating interior level of 45 dBA Ldn (see page 10 of noise guidelines).

GROSVENOR PARK TOWNHOUSES north of Grosvenor Lane west of Grosvenor Place (site "B")

- preliminary plan of subdivision approved in 1982
- -site plan approved in 1983 (#883070)
- noise mitigation through site design determined by consensus to be preferred approach protection of intervening tree cover was major consideration (visual barrier gives a perceptual noise reduction)
  - development prohibited in "neck" area near Grosvenor Lane
- streets and parking areas were placed in impacted area

nearest I-270
— units were oriented to parallel and face I-270 (thereby protecting patio/deck areas using buildings as barriers), or perpendicular to I-270 to reduce direct exposure and provide some buffering by other units

#### TIMBERLAWN PARCEL "V"

- site plan for townhouses approved in 1983 (#883016)
- due to topographic/cost effectiveness considerations, physical barriers were determined infeasible
  - interior protection through acoustical treatment made a

condition to site plan approval

- subsequent to site plan approval, developer came to M-NCPPC and asked for permission to build a berm. Berm unfortunately was underdesigned and was not an effective height for most of the units
- developer cited for failure to provide acoustical treatment and was required to retrofit existing townhouses (triple glazing on windows, sliding doors, and skylights)

#### TIMBERLAWN PARCEL "J"

- site plan for townhouses approved in 1981 (#881037)
- noise mitigation through site design including placing and connecting garages on I-270 side, moving proposed townhouses towards interior of site and tennis courts near I-270, and having townhouses facing I-270 for protection of backyards

## BREWER-CORBY PROPERTY (south of I-270 & north of Grosvenor Lane)

- site plan approved in 1986 (#886043)
- consultant study (which included noise monitoring) determined that single-family attached units were sufficiently setback to achieve exterior standard of 65 dBA Ldn
- noise-mitigating site design features include tree preservation, setback of 100 feet from ROW, and six foot noise/privacy walls protecting the patio areas

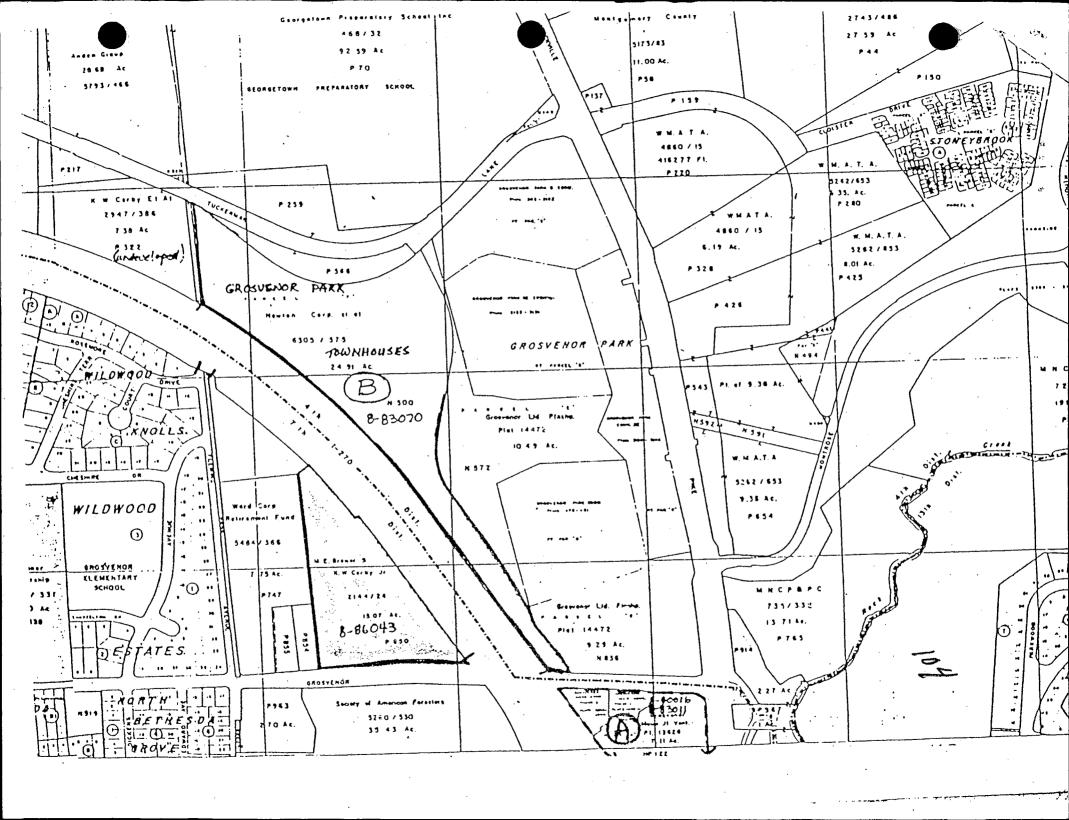
The Windermere/ Heritage Walk subdivision was also examined for noise impact in the early days of our noise program in 1978 (#178203). An increased setback was the only noise abatement option that was implemented.

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Otherwise, all developments in this I-270 eastern spur are either undeveloped or developed prior to our land use / noise abatement program. The remaining undeveloped properties (principally the Davis, Aubinoe, and Corby tracts) will be examined for noise abatement as they come in for development.

cc: Nazir Baig

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bcc: Mr. Paul D. Armstrong, District Engineer, State Highway Administration

Ms. Valerie Burnette Edgar, Director of Communications, State Highway Administration

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Mr. T.E. Severe, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration

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Sec. Porcari

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(Attn: Donna Austin)

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Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

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June 16, 2000

The Honorable Brian E. Frosh Senate of Maryland Suite 800 West 7475 Wisconsin Avenue Bethesda MD 20814-3412

Dear Senator Frosh:

The State Highway Administration will hold an informational meeting for the homeowners of the Longwood community to report on the progress of the sound barrier project along the inner loop of I-495 from Bradley Boulevard to Greentree Road. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 12, 2000, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Davis Community Library, 6400 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. We look forward to meeting with you on July 12. If you have any questions before the meeting, please feel free to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to our Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams

Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration Ms. Natalie B. Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

My telephone number is \_\_\_\_\_410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770

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Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

June 13, 2000

The Honorable Brian E. Frosh Senate of Maryland Suite 800 West 7475 Wisconsin Avenue Bethesda MD 20814-3412

Dear Senator Frosh:

The State Highway Administration will conduct an informational meeting for the homeowners of the Wildwood Manor community to report on the progress of the sound barrier project along I-270. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18, 2000, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Ashburton Elementary School, 6314 Lone Oak Drive, Bethesda. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

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May 3, 2000

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The Honorable William Bronrott Maryland House of Delegates 4415 Rosedale Avenue Bethesda MD 20814

The Honorable Marilyn Goldwater The Honorable Nancy K. Kopp Maryland House of Delegates 221 Lowe House Office Building 6 Governor Bladen Boulevard Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Frosh and Delegates Bronrott, Goldwater, and Kopp:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding a sound barrier for the Heritage Walk community, adjacent to the East Spur of I-270 in Montgomery County. I appreciate this opportunity to respond to your concerns.

Your leadership and assistance in working with the Heritage Walk Citizens Association is greatly appreciated. The issue of constructing a sound barrier for this community is one that has been under discussion for some time. Your request on behalf of the community to have the Davis-Camalier group fund the construction of the sound barrier is understood. An agreement was negotiated over the past several years with the Davis-Camalier partnership for their maximum contribution of \$1.5 million toward the planned improvements. This agreement was executed in mid-1999 and it is not desirable to reopen the negotiations at this point.

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An offer was previously made to construct a sound barrier instead of a screen wall as a "value engineering" option, provided the community would donate the property needed for the interchange construction. This a fair offer, and remains open to the community. Based upon the technical analysis, this area does not meet the requirements for a sound barrier; however, we are willing to construct a barrier in the context of the previous offer. We do need to bring this issue to closure as the design for the project is almost completed and we would like to include the sound barrier in the final plans. In your letter, you asked that the sound barrier be extended to include the Earlsgate Road section of the community. We have looked into this and cannot agree to extend the barrier as the Earlsgate Road area is beyond the limits of construction of the interchange and noise levels in this area will not increase as a result of the project.

Thank you again, for your letter. I am sorry that we could not provide you with a positive response to your requests. We appreciate your involvement in this issue and would like to bring this to a resolution. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962. As always, you should feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

John D. Porcari

Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway
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# THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY SIXTEENTH DISTRICT DELEGATION

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April 3, 2000

John Porcari Secretary MDOT PO Box 8755. BWI Airport Baltimore, MD 21240-0755

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FROM:

FROSH, BRIAN

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RE:

FOLLOW UP LETTER REGARDING SOUND BARRIERS FOR THE

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Donna,

This letter is due in Parker's office tomorrow. It is due at MDOT on Monday. Charlie asked if we could get an extension for this. This letter has to have input from Parker. Please let me know.

Thanks!

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CC:

CHARLES ADAMS; JIM HADE; NATALIE HARDY; TED SEV ...

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Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

April 28, 2000

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The Honorable Nancy K. Kopp Maryland House of Delegates 221 Lowe House Office Building 6 Governor Bladen Boulevard Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Frosh and Delegates Bronrott, Goldwater, and Kopp:

This letter is a follow-up to the April 12 Carderock Springs Citizens' Association Annual Meeting held at the Carderock Springs' Clubhouse. I appreciate the opportunity to report to you on our presentation regarding the status of sound barriers for the community along I-495.

Mr. James Hade, the State Highway Administration's Noise Abatement Team Leader, and Mr. Bob Simpson, of Montgomery County's Department of Public Works and Transportation, responded to questions from the community. Please refer to the enclosed notes of Mr. Hade that describe many of the questions asked and the answers that were given.

My telephone number is \_\_\_410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770

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Thank you for your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. James Hade, our Noise Abatement Team Leader, at 410-545-8599 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

### Enclosure

cc: Mr. Bob Simpson, Senior Planning Specialist, Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation

Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration

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## Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration



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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Mr. Charles B. Adams

Director

Office of Environmental Design

FROM:

James D. Hade, RLA

Noise Abatement Team Leader Office of Environmental Design

DATE:

April 13, 2000

**SUBJECT:** Carderock Springs Citizens' Association Annual Meeting held April 12, 2000

Last evening, April 12, I attended a meeting of the Carderock Springs Citizens' Association. Also in attendance was Mr. Bob Simpson, Senior Planning Specialist from the Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation.

The meeting was well attended (approximately 60 persons). I answered a myriad of questions regarding the process of analysis and design. The larger community, and particularly the inner loop residents, did not comprehend that this offer was out of the ordinary. I spent a few minutes reviewing the State's Sound Barrier Policy for Type I and Type II barriers, then the project history for the Beltway improvements and how this sound barrier offer came to be made.

The following questions were answered:

O1: When will the wall be built?

A1: "The wall is currently not funded, but we need to get through the analysis phase, as well as the Community/County funding agreement phase, before the Administration could consider funding."

Q2: What is the average time between approval for a barrier and construction?

A2: "Considering the entire history of the program, including times when the economy was not doing well, between three and fifteen years."

O3: What will be the cost to the homeowners?

A3: "We need to get though the analysis phase to determine the cost of the barrier, how many homes are impacted, and how many would receive a substantial benefit from the barrier."

Mr. Simpson also added that the cost of interest and administration on the County bond would also have to be added into the cost for each residence.

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Q4: Who paid for the barrier for the new school on the 'K' tract?

A4: SHA: "The State did not pay for any part of that barrier."

Mr. Bob Simpson said, "The County Public Works Department did not pay for the barrier."

Q5: Has the County considered assisting communities in the construction of barriers for those that do not qualify for barriers at the State level? Hasn't the County already paid for barriers?

A5: Mr. Bob Simpson: "The County has never constructed a barrier or paid any money toward the construction of a barrier."

# The following questions that I did not have firm answers for were (some are paraphrased or condensed from numerous questions):

Q6: Is Carderock South included in the current proposal? If not, what can we do? ["Carderock South" consists of only certain residences on one or two streets on the inner loop side of the Beltway across from "Carderock North." These homes are part of NSA "D" in the original environmental document. OED designated "Carderock South" as "Evergreen," which was represented in the Citizens Against Beltway Noise (CABN) agreement.]

A6: "I do not believe so at this time. Please contact your elected representatives and I will ask the question of the Administration."

Q7: Why wasn't Carderock South included in the original offer? Can we get copies of documentation on who was represented?

A7: "I am not sure it was not included. The environmental document indicates that the cost per residence for the 1991 barrier in this location was approximately \$142,000, which may explain why, if it was offered, it was not accepted. We would be happy to sent a copy of the [CABN] agreement to you or you may come to our office and review the files."

Q8: Who will pay for the School's share?

A8: "I do not know. That needs to be worked out."

[Ms. Paula LaBoy said that she has been in contact with the school on this matter.]

Mr. Charles B. Adams
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On April 13, 2000, I called Mrs. Paula Laboy, of the Carderock Springs Citizens' Association, to explain that the intent of the Secretary of Transportation was to re-extend the *original* CABN agreement to all of the original communities that would like to take advantage of it. SHA has been contacted by at least one person in the Evergreen community on the inner loop of I-495 between River Road and Persimmon Tree road. That individual has been informed that SHA is willing to re-extend the original offer to them as well. They are currently organizing to request detailed information on the offer.

A correction was also made to statements made at the meeting regarding the cost-per-residence formula and the number of homes that would be counted. At the meeting, it was indicated that the cost-per-residence formula is based on the 1998 Sound Barrier Policy. The offer that is being re-extended is the original offer based on the 1987 Noise Policy, which would be used to count the number of residences that would be benefited: only those homes that are impacted *and* benefited would be counted and included in the cost share agreement. SHA would not restrict others from contributing to the project but the cost that would be shared with the community would be limited to the original agreement.

Mr. Charles B. Adams Page Four

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March 6, 2000

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The Honorable William A. Bronrott The Honorable Marilyn Goldwater The Honorable Nancy K. Kopp Maryland House of Delegates 221 Lowe House Office Building 6 Governor Bladen Boulevard Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Frosh and Delegates Bronrott, Goldwater, and Kopp:

This letter is a follow-up to your recent letter on behalf of your constituent, Mr. Steven G. Miksell. Mr. Miksell is concerned about traffic noise in the Parkwood community, along the outer loop of I-495 between Cedar Lane and Rockville Pike (MD 355), in Montgomery County. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your inquiry.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) has evaluated the Parkwood community to determine if it meets the technical criteria for a sound barrier. The basic criterion is that the majority of affected homes in the community predate the highway. If this criterion is met, we next determine whether existing noise levels equal or exceed the 66-decibel impact threshold and, if so, whether an effective barrier can be built for \$50,000 or less per benefited home. Our records indicate that the majority of the homes in the Parkwood community do predate I-495. In 1986, we measured noise levels in the community near the highway. The results of those measurements were that noise levels were at 59 decibels and that projected noise levels for the year 2010 would be 63 decibels. Since the results showed that existing and projected noise levels were below the 66 decibel impact threshold, we did not carry the evaluation further.

Because of the age of our noise measurements for this community, we will be pleased to take new measurements to determine if noise meets or exceeds the 66-decibel impact threshold under current conditions. We will provide the results of these measurements by the end of September 2000. If our new measurements show that current noise levels equal or exceed the 66-decibel impact threshold, we will proceed with an additional analysis to determine whether an effective sound barrier can be built for less than \$50,000 per benefited residence. We anticipate being able to report the results of this analysis, if required, by the end of October 2000.

My telephone number is <u>410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770</u>

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Thank you for your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams

Administrator

cc: Mr. Steven Miksell

Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

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# THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY SIXTEENTH DISTRICT DELEGATION

16th District Delegation 202 James Senate Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991 301-858-3124 - 410-841-3124



February 28, 2000

Parker F. Williams Administrator SHA Room C-400 707 No. Calvert Street Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Parker:

We have received a call from our constituent, Mr. Steve Miksell, regarding Beltway noise and the possibility of abatement measures in his neighborhood. Mr. Miksell lives at 4608 Woodfield Road in Bethesda. He also reports that since the noise barrier was constructed on the south side of the Beltway, road noise in his area is worse.

Would you please look into Mr. Miksell's questions and provide us with a report. Thanks for your assistance with the constituent inquiry. Best regards.

Sincerely,

Brian E. Frosh

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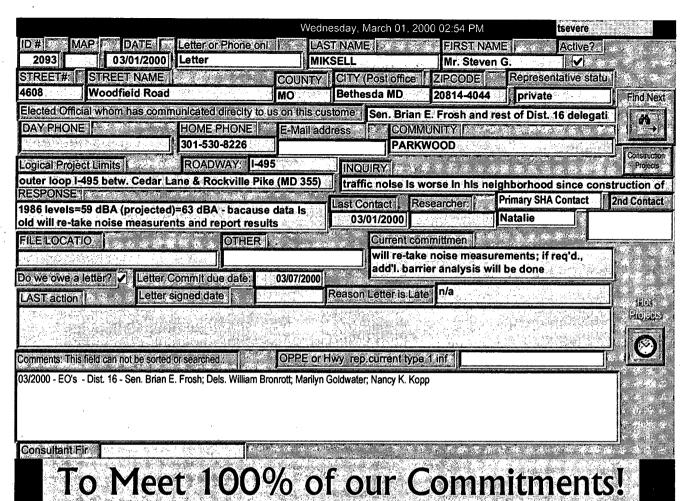
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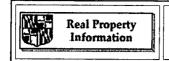
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**DISTRICT: 13 ACCT NO: 01142758** 

**Owner Information** 

**Owner Name:** 

MIKSELL, STEVEN G ET AL

Use: RESIDENTIAL

**Mailing Address:** 

4608 WOODFIELD RD BETHESDA MD 20814-4044

Principal Residence: YES

**Transferred** 

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Date: 02/12/1991

Price: \$192,500

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4608 WOODFIELD RD

**PARKWOOD** 

BETHESDA 20814

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**Primary Structure Data** 

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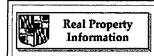
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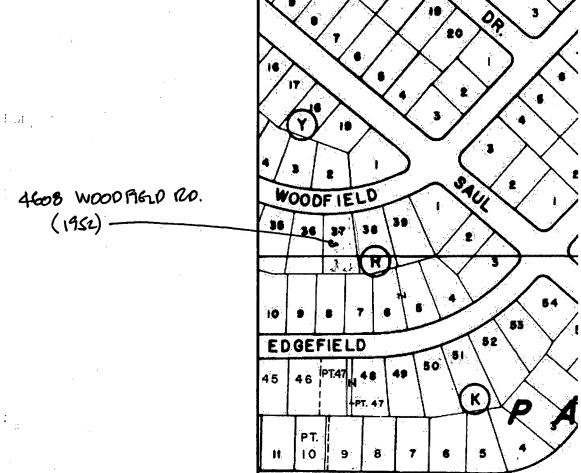
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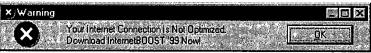
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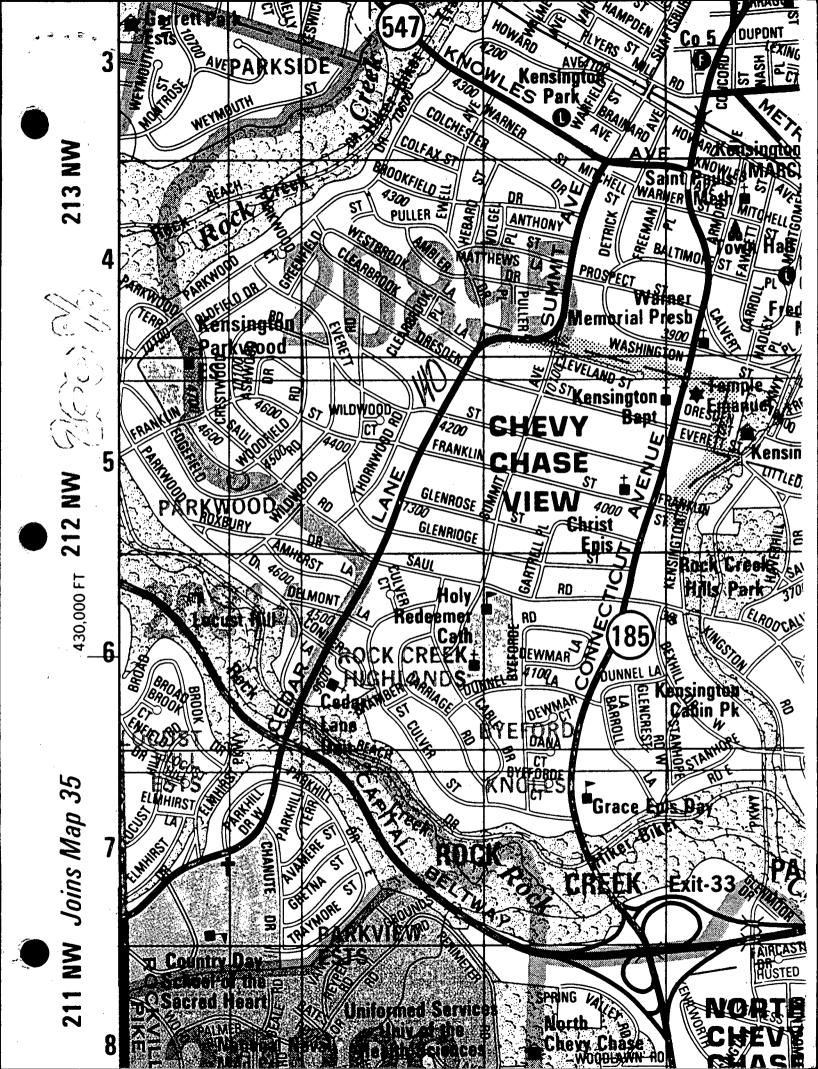
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Dear Senator Frosh and Delegates Bronrott, Goldwater, and Kopp:

This letter is a follow-up to recent correspondence concerning the Windermere community, adjacent to the proposed I-270/Rockledge Drive Interchange project, in Montgomery County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with the following information.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) has completed an evaluation of both the costs to construct a screen fence adjacent to the Windemere community and the value of the right of way to be purchased from the community for the road widening project. We have determined that the combined costs for these two items is about the same as the cost to construct a sound barrier. As a result, the Department of Transportation is willing to construct a sound barrier of equal length to and in the same location as the screen fence as a "value engineering" alternate in the upcoming road construction project. The sound barrier would be built in lieu of the screen fence indicated in the current design for this project. In order for this to occur, we will need for the community to donate the property needed for the construction of the new interchange. As you have been actively involved in this issue on behalf of the community, I request that you convey this offer to the community and let us know of their response as soon as possible. If the community is agreeable, we will proceed to include the design of the sound barrier in the project plans.

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Thank you for your patience during this re-evaluation of this issue and for your continuing interest in the Sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

John D. Porcari Secretary

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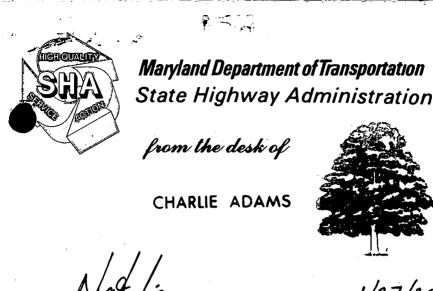
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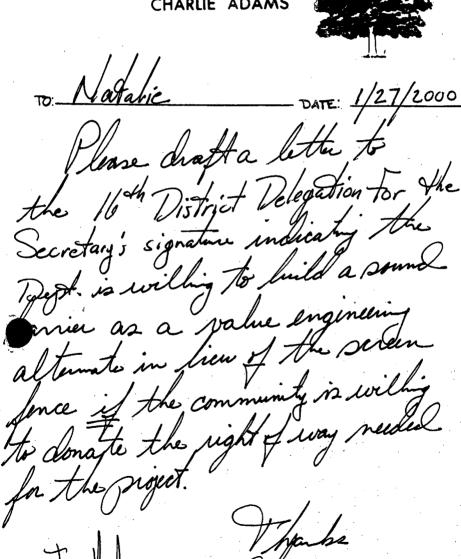
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cc: Tim Have

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From:

PARKER WILLIAMS

To:

CHARLES ADAMS .

Date:

Thu, Jan 27, 2000 8:58 AM

Subject:

Re: I-270/Rockledge Drive Interchange--sound barrier issue

Charlie.

Thanks. Looks like the barrier is cost justified as a "value engineering" alternate if you will. If everyone agrees and if the property owners will donate r/w and agree to installation, we should proceed. Perhaps a letter form JP to the delegation is the right way to go. We also need to make sure the County understands our position and agrees to our approach.

#### Parker

Charlie

#### >>> CHARLES ADAMS 01/27 8:42 AM >>>

Parker, the following are the costs for the screen fence and right of way for the Heritage Walk/Windermere community.

Screen fence--2170 linear feet--\$195,000 Right of way------<u>154,500</u> total \$349,500

Based upon information from the District 3 real estate staff, the potential for damages associated with the r.o.w. ranges from \$500,000 to \$1,100,000.

Sound barrier estimated cost--2170 l.f. x 13.8' high x \$20/s.f.= \$600,000

Sound barrier cost minus cost of screen fence and r.o.w.= \$250,500.

Note: The community is having their own appraisal of the r.o.w. completed and they will provide this information to SHA. At this point, the cost of a sound barrier exceeds the combined cost of the screen fence and r.o.w., without any damages considered.

I'll keep you posted when I receive the additional r.o.w. numbers from the community's work.

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barrier will be considered further in final design.

#### Noise Sensitive Area G (See Figure 18)

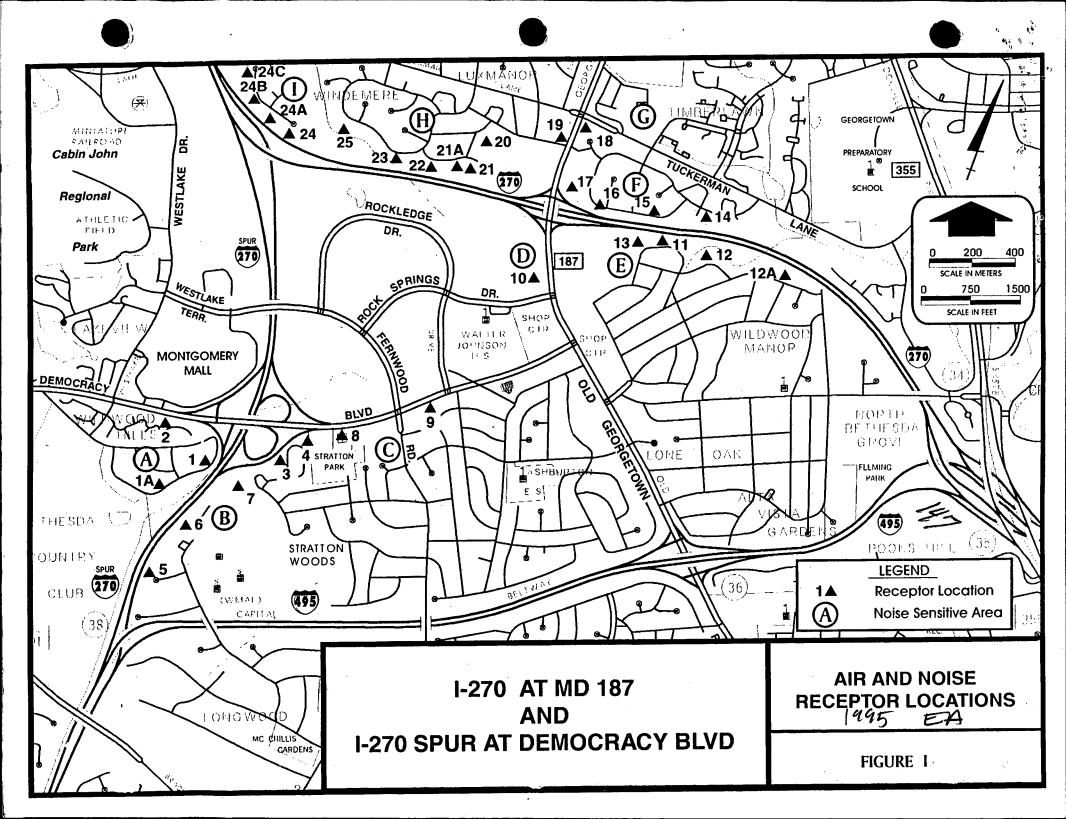
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NSA G, consisting of receptors R18 and R19; represents single family residences adjacent to the Old Georgetown Road/Tuckerman Lane intersection. This location is outside the limits of construction of the selected alternatives and investigation of build noise levels and mitigation measures is not warranted.

#### Noise Sensitive Area H (See Figures 14A, 14B and 18)

NSA H, consisting of receptors R20 through R23 and R25, represents residences located adjacent to I-270 in the Windermere community, west of Old Georgetown Road. This area is affected by build Alternative 3E. Design year noise levels at these receptors exceed the noise abatement criteria and warrant investigation of mitigation measures. The current no-build condition consists of a 6-lane divided highway; however, the original roadway at this location was a 4-lane divided highway, constructed in the late 1950's. The 2020 build noise levels are less than 3 dBA above the worst case noise levels for both the original 4-lane (baseline) highway and the no-build condition. The residences were built after the construction of the 4-lane highway, but prior to the construction of the 6-lane highway.

The proposed ramps at this location are elevated and the required retaining wall between mainline I-270 and the residences provides noise mitigation to the residences at the east end of the community. A noise barrier 532.2 meters (1,746 feet) long and 1.2-5.5 meters (4-18 feet) high, constructed at a cost of \$399,700, would reduce first row receptor noise levels by up to 10 dBA. A portion of this barrier would be on top of the retaining wall. The cost per residence for the 11 residences impacted and benefited at 3 dBA and 17 residences not impacted but benefited at 5 dBA is \$23,510. Although a barrier at this location is feasible and meets the cost per residence reasonableness criteria, it does not meet the reasonableness criteria of at least 3dBA cumulative increase in build/no-build noise levels. For a detailed listing of feasibility and reasonableness, refer to Table 11. Considering that the barrier is not reasonable due to a lack of significant difference between build and no-build noise levels, mitigation will not be considered further.





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The Honorable Nancy K. Kopp
Maryland House of Delegates
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Dear Senator Frosh and Delegates Bronrott, Goldwater, and Kopp:

This letter is a follow-up to the January 19 informational meeting with residents of the Barnett Road/Wolfe's Subdivision community regarding a sound barrier to protect homes impacted by highway noise from I-495. I appreciate the opportunity to update you on the outcome of this meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss: the proposed sound barrier plans for residents currently receiving high levels of traffic noise; the schedule for the project; and the need to determine that at least 75 percent of the impacted residents approve of the sound barrier placement. Three households were represented at the meeting. We have followed up with those households not in attendance by providing a copy of the display from the meeting that indicated current noise levels and proposed noise reduction and a voting card that requests their signature for the approval or disapproval of the proposed barrier. Enclosed for your information, is a copy of the display from the meeting and a list of the homeowners that will benefit from the barrier. This project is funded for design and construction. We plan to begin construction in the Spring of 2001.

My telephone number is 410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770

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Thank you for your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy of our Office of Environmental Design at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams Administrator

#### **Enclosures**

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#### **Enclosures:**

Handout: SHA Noise Analysis Informational Meeting, Barnett Road, January 19, 2000 (2 pages)

Handout: Map – Barnett Road Noise Abatement Wall I-495 and I-270, January 2000, (11" x 17")

List of Households that were in attendance and those that were not in attendance at the 01/19/00 informational meeting

January 19, 2000 Barnett Road/Wolfe's Subdivision Community  Name  Address				
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen C. Schulz	7223 Barnett Road, Bethesda MD 20817-1502			
Mr. and Mrs. Marc J. Smith	7215 Barnett Road, Bethesda MD 20817-1502			
Mr. and Mrs. Ravender Bhutani	7108 Greentree Road, Bethesda MD 20817-1506			
Ms. Gloria M. Burkhardt	7201 Barnett Road, Bethesda MD 20817-1502			
Mr. and Mrs. Frank DeStefano	7207 Barnett Road, Bethesda MD 20817-1502			
Ms. Audrey F. Hutchby	7211 Barnett Road, Bethesda MD 20817-1502			
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The Honorable Nancy K. Kopp Maryland House of Delegates 221 Lowe House Office building 6 Governor Bladen Boulevard Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Frosh and Delegates Bronrott, Goldwater, and Kopp:

This is a follow-up to my recent letter to you regarding the Heritage Walk Homeowners Association's concerns over traffic noise associated with the I-270 East Spur/Rockledge Drive/MD 187 interchange project in Montgomery County. I appreciate your patience while we gathered the information to address the questions of the Association's counsel, Mr. Norman Knopf, regarding the referenced project.

The enclosed responses are answers to the requests and questions contained in Mr. Knopf's letter. In particular, I would direct your attention to our answer to Mr. Knopf's Question 8(h). While the community does not meet our technical requirements for a sound barrier, we are willing to explore applying the cost of the right-of-way to be purchased from the community for the project and the cost of a visual screen towards construction of a sound barrier. Mr. Knopf may expect to hear from a representative of SHA in the near future on this issue.

The Honorable Brian E. Frosh
The Honorable William A. Bronrott
The Honorable Marilyn Goldwater
The Honorable Nancy K. Kopp
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As noted in our answers to Mr. Knopf's questions, copies of several documents an enclosed. They include are: the Federal Highway Administration's pamphlet, "Highway Traffic Noise," September 1980; the Maryland Department of Transportation/State Highway Administration's Sound Barrier Policy, May 1998; and our prior Noise Policy, April 1987.

The environmental documents are also available for review if Mr. Knopf wishes to review them. He may contact Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration, to arrange to review these documents. Mr. Hade may be reached at 410-545-8599 or 1-800-446-5962. There is a fee of 25 cents per page for copies of any records.

Thank you again for your patience. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

John D. Porcari Secretary

#### Enclosures

cc:

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Norman G. Knopf, Esq., Knopf & Brown

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Enclosure -1 each for each member of the delegation:

One copy of Maryland Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration, Sound Barrier Policy, dated May 11,1998

One copy of 1987 Maryland Department of Transportation Sound Barrier Policy

One copy of USDOT, Federal Highway Administration pamphlet, *Highway Traffic Noise*, September 1980

# RESPONSE TO REQUESTS TO THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION FOR MATERIALS AND INFORMATION MADE BY HERITAGE WALK HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION THROUGH THE 16<sup>th</sup> DELEGATION

# <u>I. Request for Documents and Materials: Please provide the following, updated as appropriate to the present time:</u>

Request #1: A copy of all current SHA regulations and guidelines relating to the assessment of traffic noise, impact or abatement in highway construction/improvement projects in Maryland.

Response to Request#1: A copy of the 1998 Sound Barrier Policy is enclosed.

Request #2: A copy of all other SHA regulations and guidelines relating to the assessment of traffic noise, impact or abatement relied upon by SHA in its assessments of Alternative 3E for SHA Contract No. M 401-156-372 P ("I-270 Project").

Response to Request #2: A copy of the 1987 Sound Barrier Policy is enclosed.

Request #3: All reports, assessments and analyses that wholly or partially relate to or discuss

- a) traffic noise, impact or abatement for Noise Sensitive Area H in the I-270 Project; or
- b) noise or noise abatement in the vicinity of I-270 and MD 187, including current studies and the two earlier (1989) project planning studies (referred to on page III-8 of the March 1997 FONSI on the 1-270 Project.

Response to Request #3a: The following documents are available for your review, please contact Mr. James Hade at 410-545-8599 or 1-800-446-5962 to schedule a review:

#### **Environmental Assessment**

Contract No. M401-154-372
Interstate Route 270
East Segment
From the Y-Split to Interstate Route 495
Montgomery County, Maryland
August 20, 1986

#### Findings of No Significant Impact 4(f)

Contract No. M401-154-372 Interstate Route 270 East Segment From the Y-Split to Interstate Route 495 Montgomery County, Maryland February 6, 1989

#### **Environmental Assessment**

Contract No. M401-156-372 I-270 at MD 187 and I-270 Spur at Democracy Blvd. Montgomery County, Maryland November 9, 1995

#### Findings of No Significant Impact

Contract No. M401-156-372 I-270 at MD 187 and I-270 Spur at Democracy Blvd. Montgomery County, Maryland March 3, 1997

#### **Environmental Assessment**

Project No. MO401B16 I-270 at MD 187 and I-270 Spur at Democracy Boulevard Montgomery County, Maryland April 1999

Request #4: Such documents as would enable one to understand the assumptions, input data, calculations and output relied upon by SHA in any computer modeling of noise impact for Noise Sensitive Area H in the March 1997 FONSI for the I-270 Project or any update of that analysis.

Response to Request#4: These documents are available for your review. Please contact Mr. Hade to schedule a review.

<u>II. Questions and Requests for Information:</u> We would appreciate written answers to the following:

Question #1: Does SHA consider the I-270 Project to be a Phase I project? Part of a Phase I project? If not, why not?

Response to Question #1: Our responses to this and other Questions which refer to a "Phase I project" are based on the assumption that the Question(s) mean(s) a "Type I project" as that term is defined in the Sound Barrier Policy: "Sound barriers are considered under two separate circumstances. The first category is for the construction of new highways or capacity additions to existing highways (Type I)."

SHA considers the proposed plan for the improvements to I-270 to be a Type I project with regard to consideration for sound barriers.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> May 1998 Noise Policy, Maryland DOT: State Highway Administration

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Question #2: In conducting a noise/noise impact/noise abatement analysis for a Phase I project, explain how SHA integrates computer-generated projections with actual physical measurements of noise.

Response to Question #2: SHA's practice is to take measurements of existing noise levels as a part of a Type I noise impact analysis for two reasons. The ultimate purpose is to determine if future noise levels will exceed existing (sometimes referred to as "ambient") noise levels by 10 decibels or more as a result of proposed highway improvements. This is one of the criteria used to determine whether an impact will result.

Measurements of existing noise levels are also used to calibrate the computer model used to predict future noise levels. The computer model is first run with the existing traffic volumes and speeds, as well as with and the existing roadway configuration. (Traffic volumes and speeds are obtained at the same time as the measurements of existing noise are taken.) The results are then compared to the measured noise levels. If the measured and modeled results agree within 3 decibels, the model accurately represents the conditions influencing noise propagation within the project limits. If the comparative results vary by more than 3 decibels, adjustments are made to assure greater accuracy of the modeled data.

Future traffic volumes are based on analyses provided by the Traffic Forecasting Section of the State Highway Administration's Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering, and these are included in the environmental document. These future traffic volumes are input into the calibrated model and used to generate predicted future noise levels.

Question #3: Explain the criteria and analysis that are required for an SHA traffic noise analysis and explain how these requirements meet or exceed the FHWA standards set forth in part 772 of 23 C.F.R., including the requirements to determine and analyze:

(a) The costs and benefits of abatement in relation to overall social, economic and environmental effects; 23 C.F.R. § 772.9(a);

Response to Question #3(a): The costs and benefits of abatement are considered in the reasonableness criteria of the State's Sound Barrier Policy, which was developed in cooperation with a panel of Maryland State legislators and Department of Transportation officials with additional input from a number of communities. The Maryland policy has been reviewed and approved by the Federal Highway Administration. As a part of the policy revisions adopted in May of 1998, the policy was revised to allow a maximum sound barrier cost of up to \$50,000 per benefited residence, an increase over the \$40,000 per benefited residence limit in the 1987 policy. Additionally, the cost-per-residence determination now includes residences benefited by 5 decibel or more protection from a sound barrier but are not actually impacted by future noise levels. The 1987 policy only provided for only the counting of impacted residences.

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The 1998 Policy allows for cost averaging across all communities within a project area where: the cost per residence in each community analyzed is *greater than \$50,000 but* less than \$100,000; *and* where the total average cost is less than \$50,000 per residence. The cost averaging component only applies to Type I situations.

#### Question #3(b): ... predicted traffic noise levels post-construction; id. § 772.9(b)(2);

Response to Question #3(b): A geometric/mathematical model of the proposed highway system is developed using an X-Y-Z coordinate system. Included in the computer prediction model are future hourly traffic volumes and travel speeds for each roadway in the roadway network. Sec. 772.17 "Traffic Noise Prediction" of 23 CFR Part 772 gives additional information regarding predicted noise levels as part of a traffic noise analysis.

Analysis of predicted noise levels are achieved by using predicted traffic quantities in a computer noise-prediction model written for and distributed by the FHWA, called "Stamina." Stamina requires inputs of existing and proposed terrain models using X-Y-Z coordinates, the input of existing and proposed roadways, and existing elements that serve as natural barriers, such as rows of homes, berms, and hills. Stands of trees are generally not accounted for, which serves to benefit the community under study. The modeling of the acoustic benefits of vegetation is extremely complex and has not been studied in such a way to adequately achieve repeatable results. According to a statistic reported in the FHWA pamphlet, "Highway Traffic Noise," [HEV-21 / 8-80 (20M) dated 1980], copy enclosed, it takes a 200' wide band of mature, densely planted evergreen vegetation to reduce noise levels in a significant way.

#### Question #3(c): ... existing noise levels; id. § 772.9(b)(3);

Response to Question #3(c): Existing noise levels, as part of a traffic noise analysis, are measured in conformance with industry standard practice. Existing noise data serves a two-fold purpose: 1) it gives an indication of current conditions as a reference point for assessing future impacts; and 2) as described earlier, provides for validation/calibration of the computer model.

#### Question #3(d): ... traffic noise impacts; id. § 772.9(b)(4); and

Response to Question #3(d): According to SHA Policy, an analysis of traffic noise impact considers the following: 1) the amount of increase in noise resulting from the proposed highway project compared to the "no-build" condition (the policy defines the increase threshold – for purposes of determining "reasonableness" - as 3 decibels); 2) the increase in noise levels resulting from the project compared to existing levels (the policy defines a substantial increase threshold of 10 decibels); and 3) whether future noise levels would reach or exceed an "impact threshold" of 66 decibels as a result of the project.

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Question #3(e): ... the alternative noise abatement measures that will mitigate these impacts; <u>id</u>. § 772,9(b)(5), and including the requirement to use traffic noise prediction methods that comply with 23 C.F.R. § 772.17.

Response Question #3(e): All analyses of traffic noise impacts consider abatement options based on their feasibility in the context of the subject project, if impact thresholds are met or exceeded. In the assessment of abatement options in the context of an existing highway improvement or expansion, options are usually limited to sound barrier walls, though earthen berms or berm and wall combinations are considered where space is available for their construction.

Question #3(e)(1): A complete answer will fully explain why the SHA criteria and methods of analysis are consistent with the policies and guidance of the FHWA on 23 C.F.R. Part 772, as set forth in FHWA, "Highway Traffic Noise Analysis and Abatement Policy and Guidance" (June 1995), including guidance therein stating that traffic noise impacts occur (a) when noise levels are already unacceptably high before construction or (b) when the construction will substantially increase the existing noise environment;

Response to Questions #3(e) and 3(e)(1): See response to Question #3(d) above.

Question #3(e)(2): ... that federal noise abatement criteria are not design goals for barrier construction; and

Response #3(e)(2): In the design development of sound barriers, SHA's goal for noise reduction is 7-10 decibels. The lower limit (7 decibels) is considered a minimum acceptable, while 10 decibels is the primary noise reduction goal.

Question #3(e)(3): ... that projected small increases in sound are more important and justify greater consideration when the existing sound level is already high.

Response #3(e)(3): SHA's policy provides that if the Leq noise level is projected to reach 72 decibels or above, any increase in noise resulting from the project would be sufficient for a sound barrier to be considered to be reasonable (i.e., the 3-decibel increase threshold [build vs. no-build] is waived). Other feasibility and reasonableness criteria would also have to be satisfied. Also, if existing noise levels are already at 72 decibels or above, and the proposed improvement would cause an increase in noise levels, a barrier could be considered in advance of the highway project provided that the local jurisdiction provides a 20 percent cost-share and any right-of-way required to build the barrier is donated.

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Question #4: For each of the requirements in question 3, explain how the requirement has been met in connection with the SHA traffic noise analysis done for Noise Sensitive Area H in the I-270 Project FONSI, as updated.

Response to Question #4: The analysis for the subject project shows impact occurs, based on projected noise levels that would reach or exceed 66 decibels. There is no substantial increase in noise (i.e., 10 decibels) projected for this project.

In the analysis of barrier effectiveness, potential noise reduction ranged from 9-12 decibels (depending on the location). Future levels with abatement would range from 59-64 decibels (depending on the location).

The analysis included a consideration of "cumulative effects," which compares the original 4-lane section of the I-270 East Spur (at peak noise capacity), with the planned roadway network. The largest cumulative increase in noise was 2 decibels (below the required 3-decibel increase threshold). The majority of residences in the eastern portion of the community show a decrease in future noise levels with the project in place, compared with both the original 4-lane roadway (cumulative impact assessment) and the road as it exists today (no-build assessment).

Question #5: Explain what units or units of measurement are used by SHA in evaluating or measuring noise, noise impact and noise abatement in [Type] I projects.

Response to Question#5: The unit of measurement for environmental noise analysis is the "A-weighted decibel." The decibel scale is a logarithmic scale and is the ratio of sound pressure to a reference pressure value. "A-weighting" is a frequency-based method of filtering the sound signal to approximate how the human ear responds to or "hears" sound. "A-weighting" de-emphasizes lower frequency sound (because human hearing is less sensitive to lower frequency sound), which in turn emphasizes the higher frequencies to which humans are most sensitive. The descriptor of sound levels used in FHWA regulations which govern SHA analyses is the "equivalent sound level," denoted as Leq. It is an energy-based average sound level for a given period of time (usually one-hour).

Question #5(a): why other recognized units of measurement are not used;

Response to Question #5(a): The reason for not using any other unit of measure, or descriptor, is that the FHWA regulations are based solely on the A-weighted Leq sound level.



#### Question #5(b): how the ones that are used are calculated from input data; and

Response to Question #5(b): The computer model calculates the Leq level in A-weighted decibels based on input of hourly traffic volumes for three vehicle categories (automobiles, medium trucks, and heavy trucks) and average travel speeds.

Question #5(c): what aspects of traffic noise, noise impact or noise abatement are given greater or lesser emphasis or weight by virtue of the choices SHA has made.

Response Question #5(c): The noise policy is implemented in a more or less linear manner. For example, if, as a result of a planned improvement, future traffic noise levels are decreased for any reason over the action of not building the proposed improvements, noise abatement is not further considered. Similarly, if there are only two impacted homes in a study area for which an increase of traffic noise is expected as a result of the proposed improvements and a barrier to offer reasonable levels of noise reduction (7-10 decibels) costs more than \$50,000 per benefited residence, a barrier is not further considered.

Question #6: Explain SHA's criteria for determining when a noise wall is indicated for a Phase I project. Please include in the explanation how the criteria implement: (a): the "reasonable and feasible" criteria set forth in 23 C.F.R. § 772.11(e)(1);.

Response to Question #6(a): Many of the reasonable and feasible criteria contained in the FHWA policy have been reflected in Maryland's policy. Please refer to the Sound Barrier Policy, May 11, 1998

Question #6(b): the obligation to make "every reasonable effort ... to obtain substantial noise reductions," id. § 772-11(d);

Response to Question #6(b): Our basic approach is to reduce noise levels at the most severely impacted receivers by 7 to 10 decibels, in those situations where both the feasibility and reasonableness criteria are met.

Question #6(c): the obligation to make the views of impacted residents "a major consideration in reaching a decision on the reasonableness of abatement measures"; id § 772.11(f);

Response to Question #6(c): The SHA does not consider a barrier reasonable if the affected residents do not wish to have one. SHA presents planned sound barrier improvements to the affected communities and requires a 75 percent concurrence vote from the impacted and benefited residents before a barrier is approved. Sound barriers are not approved for every community which requests them, unless the criteria contained in the State's policy are met.

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Question #6(d): the Noise Abatement Criteria in Table I of Part 772, particularly those for Activity Category B -- residences, recreational clubhouses, active sports areas, and parks; and

Response to Question #6(d): The Noise Abatement Criteria for Maryland, established in the May 11, 1998 Sound Barrier Policy, is 67 decibels Leq. "Approach" is defined in Maryland as being 66 decibels Leq.

Question #6(e): the FHWA policy which stresses that the criteria and procedures should not be rigidly applied but rather, should be flexible enough to allow the decision maker to make meaningful judgments on a case-by-case basis.

Response Question #6(e): Maryland's policy of reasonableness consideration is flexible in a number of areas:

- 1. It allows for the consideration of cumulative effects of past highway projects for construction proposals where existing noise levels exceed 72 decibels and where a capacity improvement causes any increase in future noise levels over the no-build condition.
- 2. Flexibility is also built into the policy with the adoption of Cost Averaging, which averages communities with a lower cost-per-residence values and those with higher cost-per-residence values.
- 3. Maryland increased the flexibility in the way it counts benefited residences from only those impacted to include those who may not be impacted but receive a 5-decibel reduction in noise levels.
- 4. Maryland has changed the value used for the cost-per-residence from that of the cost of the entire project (\$27.00 per square foot of barrier) to only the cost of the panels, posts, and foundations, based on recent bidding experience (currently \$16.54 per square foot of barrier). This results in a marked increase in the amount of barrier that can be considered for any given project.

5. The June 1995 Policy and Guidance document<sup>2</sup> offered a number of reasonableness criteria. Maryland chose not to include items under section 6 for Type I projects:

From Highway Traffic Noise Analysis & Abatement Policy and Guidance-FHWA,June 1995	
Reasonableness criteria considerations	Maryland's consideration in Type I decisions
(6) Development Along the Highway	Only considers abatement for residential land uses
(a) Amount of development that occurred before and after the initial construction of the highway	Not a part of consideration
(b) Type of development (e.g., residential,	Residential areas mixed with Commercial /
commercial, mixed, etc.)	Industrial land uses are not discounted
(c) Extent to which zoning or land use is changing	Not a part of consideration
(d) Effectiveness of land use controls implemented by local officials to prevent incompatible development	Not a part of consideration

Question #7: Unless already answered in response to earlier questions, please explain how SHA determines the costs and benefits of a noise wall in evaluating whether one is indicated for a Phase I project.

Response to Question #7: For the purposes of determining the cost per residence, we currently use a cost of \$16.54 per square foot of barrier proposed. We have set a limit of \$50,000 per benefited residence for considering noise abatement.

Request #7(a): how the wall's composition, construction, height and length are determined for purposes of the evaluation; and (b): how these physical determinations affect the projected cost;

Response Question #7(a) and 7(b): Maryland has a "standard" sound barrier design for which costs are known by the experience of bidding past projects. Height and length are determined during the project design phase by the application of the computer program, Stamina, which is a traffic-noise model.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Highway Traffic Noise Analysis & Abatement Policy Guidance, FHWA, June 1995

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## Question #7(c): how the number of residences deemed impacted by the noise from the project is determined;

Response to Question #7(c): Impacted residences are determined based on the noise prediction model for the future conditions. Homes where noise levels are projected to be at or above 66 decibels are considered impacted.

#### Question #7(d): how the number of residences deemed to benefit from the wall is determined;

Response to Question #7(d): Same as in part 3(c) above. Each home that is impacted and would receive a 3 decibel or greater noise reduction from a sound barrier and each home that is not impacted but would receive a 5 decibel or greater noise reduction is considered benefited.

Question #7(e): how recreation, sport and park areas and recreational clubhouses integrated with impacted residences are included in the determination of those impacted or benefited; and

Response to Question #7(e): Recreation, sport and park areas, and recreational clubhouses would be considered if there was a noise sensitive use that was expected to be impacted. Generally, active recreation areas are not considered to be noise sensitive.

Question #7(f): how past or present data on average home prices or on the prices of impacted or benefited homes is employed in the cost-benefit analysis,

Response to Question #7(f): The past or present value of adjacent homes is not considered in the determination of whether sound barrier reasonability criteria are met.

Question #8(a): With reference to each of the units of measurement, criteria and considerations identified in response to questions 5-7, explain how the decision not to construct a noise wall for Noise Sensitive Area H in the I-270 Project FONSI is consistent with these units, criteria and considerations. A complete answer will disclose and explain: SHA's current and dated noise level measurements, both actual and modeled;

Response to Question #8(a): Regarding the "no-build" decision for barriers for area H, measured noise levels were not a factor. The decision was based on the lack of sufficient increase in noise based on either cumulative impacts or a comparison of "build" vs. "no-build" levels and the fact that noise levels in portions of the community will actually be lowered as a result of the construction of the interchange ramps.

Question #8(b): the relationship of those measurements to applicable criteria;

See Response to Question#8(a) above.

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Question #8(c): how SHA has accounted, if at all, for cumulative noise impacts since 1989, when the community first expressed the need and desire for noise barriers in connection with the widening of I-270 from four to six lanes;

Response to Question #8(c): Cumulative impacts are an element of the State's policy adopted in 1998. Cumulative effects are considered when there is a capacity expansion of the highway. Normal traffic growth is not considered when analyzing cumulative effects. The analysis performed for this project considered the cumulative effects of highway expansion along this section of I-270 since and including the original four-lane highway. That analysis showed that the maximum increase in noise levels as a result of the addition of the fifth and sixth lanes and the planned interchange was 2 decibels.

#### Question #8(d): SHA's data and analysis on costs and benefits;

Response to Question #8(d): The cost used in the determination of cost per residence is the average installed cost of the sound barrier posts, panels and foundations and is based on the most recent five years bidding experience. The current figure used is \$16.54 per square foot. The following is the information from the FONSI developed for the Heritage Walk area:

#### Cost and Benefit data from 1997 FONSI, Page III-48, Table 6

Barrier Length:	1,746 feet
Barrier Height:	4-18 feet
Cost per square foot:	\$16.54
Barrier Total Cost	\$399,700
Impacted at 66 decibels:	11
Impacted and benefited at 3 decibels	11
Not Impacted but benefited at 5 decibels	6
Total benefited residences	17
Cost per residence:	\$23,510

# Question #8(e): the alternatives considered, both in relation to freeway improvements and noise abatement options;

Response to Question #8(e): The freeway alternatives considered are discussed in detail in the 1995 Environmental Evaluation, which is available for review as outlined above.

The only noise abatement alternates considered were for actions: 3E, 3G, and 3H. In each case, a preliminary barrier was analyzed and found to be cost effective, but each action failed to meet the reasonableness criterion of meeting a minimum 3-decibel increase over the no-build condition. On page III-45 of the FONSI the following other

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mitigation measures were discussed and found to be infeasible, or were considered not reasonable, or were recommended for further study in final design:

- 1. Traffic management measures
- 2. Alteration of Horizontal and Vertical Alignments
- 3. Acquisition of Real property or property rights to establish buffer zones
- 4. Earth Berms

For the eastern section of Windermere, the project will result in placement of an earthen embankment between the existing mainline of I-270 and the community that will reduce future noise levels by acting as a barrier to noise from the I-270 mainline.

#### Environmental Assessment (EA), November 9, 1995, EA Page S-9:

"The projected noise levels for the design year 2020 indicate that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Noise Abatement Criteria (67dBA) is approached or exceeded under both the no-build and build conditions at 8 of 9 noise sensitive areas. However, the widening or other modifications proposed with any of the build alternatives result in less than a 5 dBA increase in noise levels in build conditions as compared to the no-build condition in the design year."

#### Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI), March 3, 1997, FONSI page III-44

"Although a barrier at this location is feasible and meets the cost per residence reasonableness criteria, it does not meet the reasonableness criteria of at least 3dBA cumulative increase in build/no-build noise levels."

The comparison of alternates may be found in Table S-1; EA Page S-7 and S-8

Question #8(f): the impact on cost and benefit of both the earth reconfigurations and tree removal contemplated in connection with Alternative 3E as revised to include condemnation of Heritage Walk community woodland currently buffering the community from even greater noise impact from I-270;

Response to Question #8(f): Unless an existing vegetative buffer is mature, continuous, dense and evergreen, it is not considered in the analysis of highway improvements for evaluating noise impacts.

#### Question #8(g): the comments of impacted residents; and

Request to Question #8(g): Although the State Highway Administration takes comments from adjacent residents seriously, sound barrier decisions are guided by the State's policy. An area must meet the established eligibility criteria in order for a sound barrier to be considered.

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Question #8(h): the mitigation costs that could be saved if SHA decided to build a sound wall instead (i.e., the costs that SHA would not have to incur building a sight wall and installing more expensive landscaping).

Response to Question #8(h): The anticipated cost of the visual barrier with landscaping will be less than the cost of a sound barrier. Building a sound barrier rather than a visual barrier would not mitigate costs.

Question #9(a): With respect to SHA's analysis of Noise Sensitive Area H in the March 3, 1997 FONSI as updated in light of changes in Alternative 3E, including SHA's decision to acquire and raze the wooded strip of Heritage Walk community land adjacent to the I-270 right-of-way, identify each of the 11 impacted residences and the projected noise level reduction a noise wall would provide; and how much of a noise reduction a majority of impacted residences would receive;

Response to Question #9(a): While the noise analysis that was performed did not specifically identify, by address, the impacted residences, an interpretation of the technical analysis indicates that the following are the eleven areas where future noise levels are predicted to be 66 decibels or greater:

Noise reduction (decibels)

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Address		Receptor	Without barrier	Barrier added*	Combined †
1.	6220 Charnwood Drive		7	4	11
<i>2</i> .	6324 Windermere Circle		4	6	10
<i>3</i> .	6328 Windermere Circle		4	7	11
<i>4</i> .	6329 Windermere Circle		3	4	7
<i>5</i> .	6332 Windermere Circle		4	8	12
6.	6333 Windermere Circle	, .	· 3	4	7
7.	6336 Windermere Circle	23	3	9	12
8.	6340 Windermere Circle	23	3	. 9	12
9.	6344 Windermere Circle		1	8	9
<i>10</i> .	6348 Windermere Circle		0	7	7
11.	6352 Windermere Circle		0	6	6

Italicized figures are interpolated from values given at receptor sites

\* From barrier modeled in 1997 FONSI; Table 6 page III-48.

† This information is not published but derived from data in the FONSI

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#### Question #9(b): explain in detail SHA's conclusions regarding design year build noise levels;

Response to Question #9(b): Design-year-build noise levels, while above the 66 decibel threshold, would not be more than 3 decibels above no-build levels, nor would the cumulative change in noise be 3 decibels or more above the "baseline" (4-lane highway section) levels.

## Question #9(c): explain in detail SHA's conclusions regarding design year no-build noise levels;

Response to Question #9(c): No-build noise levels for the eastern portion of Windermere would be higher than those under the build condition because, under the build condition, the embankment for the interchange ramps would act to attenuate a portion of the noise from the I-270 mainline.

# Question #9(d): explain the extent to which Reasonableness Criteria 3 and 5 (Table 11, Page III-53) are mutually exclusive; and

Response to Question #9(d): Criterion 3: "Barrier will not cause a safety or maintenance problems." This criterion generally describes whether or not a proposed barrier would impede sight distance of traffic turning from a side street or ramp onto the main line of a given highway. Maintenance issues relate to constraints on the ability to access either the barrier itself or other State-maintained facilities behind the barrier including snow removal feasibility.

Criterion 5: "Barrier will not adversely impact drainage patterns or systems." This criterion describes the condition that barriers cannot restrict or constrain flood-plain areas, but may also include feasibility issues related to maintaining existing positive drainage away from residences.

Question #9(e): explain whether it is proper to conclude from SHA's letter of April 8, 1999 to FHWA on the design changes in the I-270 project . . . that the design changes did not affect the FONSI noise findings and determinations (page 3 of the letter), [and] that the analysis of Noise Sensitive Area H (and Table 11) remains unchanged to date.

Response to Question #9(e): YES, those conclusions are proper.

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Question #10(a): Is it proper to conclude from the FONSI analysis of Noise Sensitive Area H, as currently updated, that the only one of the numerous relevant feasibility and reasonableness criteria that the desired sound wall fails to meet is a criteria that compares future projection of sound levels with and without constructing Alternative 3E? Put another way, is it not the case that the negative decision on the sound wall has nothing to do with cost or benefit to the community?

Response to Question #10(a): The decision not to construct a sound barrier is based upon the fact that future noise levels will not increase as a result of the planned construction and are projected to decrease.

Question #10(b): If this is not correct, please explain in detail why not and how sound wall cost/benefit and community wishes have been factored in to the conclusion that no such wall is appropriate.

Response to Question #10(b): The decision on a sound barrier was addressed by the previous response.

Question #11: According to SHA Project Manager Thomas K. Folse, the SHA noise analysis applied to Alternative 3E in the March 1997 FONSI was pursuant to a noise policy not approved by the FHWA. See FONSI page V-16. Is this correct? Has the policy since been approved unchanged by FHWA? When? If changed and approved by FHWA, when was it changed? How? When was it approved?

Response to Question #11: The noise analysis and criteria applied to Alternative 3E are consistent with the Policy approved in May of 1998. The parts of the policy that were changed subsequent to the date of the FONSI would have had no bearing on the decision had the decision been made subsequent to the approval of the Policy. The parts of the Policy that changed for Type I projects dealt almost exclusively with cost per residence calculations and project cost-averaging described elsewhere in these responses.

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John D. Porcarl Secretary Department of Transportation PO Box 8755 BWI Airport Baltimore, MD 21240-0755

#### Dear John:

As you know we have been working with the Heritage Walk Homeowners Association regarding the SHA decisions relative to noise abatement projects. We have just received the enclosed request for information from the Association's counsel, Mr. Norman Knopf.

We would appreciate your assistance in securing the responses to Mr. Knopf's questions. Improved quality of life for the residents of District 16 is an important concern for us. We look forward to hearing from you, Parker Williams and Charlie Adams on this significant matter. Best regards.

Sincerely,

Brian E. Frosh

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The Honorable Brian E. Froah The Honorable Mancy K. Kopp The Honorable Marilyn Goldwater The Monorable William Branrott 16th District Delegation 202 Senate Office Building 110 College Avenue Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

Dear Senator Fresh and Delegates Kopp, Goldwater and Branrott:

On behalf of our client, the Heritage Walk Homeowners Association, we seek your assistance in obtaining clarification of dertain matters from the State Highway Administration ("SHA") in relation to SHA plans to significantly expand the 1.270 highway immediately edjacent to the Heritage Walk Community without construction of a sound barrier.

The Meritage Walk Board of Directors recently met with Charles B. Adams, Director, SHA Office of Environmental Design, and other SMA staff to obtain information about the project and express their concerns about traffic noise. As a result of that meeting, the Association remains desply concerned and troubled about the apparent SHA decision not to heapy the community's desire for a mound berrier to ameliorate the increased traffic noise that will surely result from this expansion of I-270.

When it became alsar in the course of the meeting that the community's questions and concerns would not be fully and completely addressed that evening, Mr. Adams invited us to followup with a written request for information. The enclosed list of requeste and questions was prepared in response to that invitation.

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ensuring that Mr. Adams and other appropriate persons at SHA receive and promptly answer our inquiry. Thank you very much for your cooperation; please do not hesitate to call if you have any

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#### REQUESTS TO THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION FOR MATERIALS AND INFORMATION MADE BY HERITAGE WALK HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

#### Documents and Materials

Please provide the following, updated as appropriate to the present time:

- A copy of all current SHA regulations and guidelines relating to the assessment of traffic noise, impact or abatement in highway construction/improvement projects in Maryland.
- A copy of all other SHA regulations and guidelines relating to the assessment of traffic noise, impact or abatement relied upon by SHA in its assessments of Alternative 3E for SHA Contract No. M 401-156-372 P ("I-270 Project").
- 3. All reports, assessments and analyses that wholly or partially relate to or discuss
  - (a) traffic noise, impact or abatement for Noise Sensitive Area H in the I-270 Project; or
  - (b) noise or noise abatement in the vicinity of I-270 and MD 187, including current studies and the two earlier (1989) project planning studies (referred to on page III-8 of the March 1997 FONSI on the I-270 Project.
- 4. Such documents as would enable one to understand the assumptions, input data, calculations and output relied upon by SHA in any computer modeling of noise impact for Noise Sensitive Area H in the March 1997 FONSI for the I-270 Project or any update of that analysis.

### Questions and Requests for Information

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We would appreciate written answers to the following:

- Does SHA consider the I-270 Project to be a Phase I project? Part of a Phase I project? If not, why not?
- In conducting a noise/noise impact/noise abatement analysis for a Phase I project, explain how SHA integrates computer-generated projections with actual physical measurements of noise.
- Explain the criteria and analysis that are required for an SHA traffic noise analysis and explain how these requirements meet or exceed the FHWA standards set forth in part 772 of 23 C.F.R., including the requirements to determine and analyze:
  - the costs and benefits of abatement in relation to overall social, economic and environmental effects; 23 C.F.R. § 772.9(a);
  - predicted traffic noise levels post-con-(b) struction; <u>id.</u> § 772.9(b)(2);
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  - the alternative noise abatement measures (e) that will mitigate these impacts; id. § 772.9(b)(5), and

including the requirement to use traffic noise prediction methods that comply with 23 C.F.R. § 772.17.

A complete answer will fully explain why the SHA criteria and methods of analysis are consistent with the policies and guidance of the FHWA on 23 C.F.R. Part 772, as set forth in FHWA, "Highway Traffic Noise Analysis and Abatement Policy and Guidance" (June 1995), including guidance therein stating

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- the Noise Abatement Criteria in Table 1 of Part 772, particularly those for Activity Category B -- residences, recreational clubhouses, active sports areas, and parks; and
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- With reference to each of the units of measurement, criteria and considerations identified in response to questions 5-7, explain how the decision not to construct a noise wall for Noise Sensitive Area H in the I-270 Project FONSI is consistent with these units, criteria and considerations. A complete answer will disclose and explain:

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- (a) SHA's current and dated noise level measurements, both actual and modeled;
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If this is not correct, please explain in detail why not and how sound wall cost/benefit and community wishes have been factored in to the conclusion that no such wall is appropriate.

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Leslie:

Per our telephone conversation, following are the corrected pages 5 and 6 of the attachment to our letter of October 7 to the Delegation. Please substitute these pages in the original.

Thank you.

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- (a) SHA's current and dated noise level measurements, both actual and modeled;
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- (c) how SHA has accounted, if at all, for cumulative noise impacts since 1989, when the community first expressed the need and desire for noise barriers in connection with the widening of I-270 from four to six lange:
- (d) SHA's data and analysis on costs and benefits;
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- (f) the impact on cost and benefit of both the earth reconfigurations and tree removal contemplated in connection with Alternative IE as revised to include condemnation of Heritage Walk community woodland currently buffering the community from even greater noise impact from 1-270;
- (g) the comments of impacted residents; and
- (h) the mitigation costs that could be saved if SHA decided to build a sound wall instead (i.e., the costs that SHA would not have to incur building a sight wall and installing more expensive landscaping).
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  - (b) explain in detail SHA's conclusions regarding design year build noise levels.

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September 25, 2000

Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

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The Honorable Marilyn Goldwater Maryland House of Delegates 221 Lowe House Office Building 6 Governor Bladen Boulevard Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Goldwater:

This letter is a follow-up to the September 13 informational meeting, hosted by the State Highway Administration (SHA) at the Wyngate Elementary School, regarding a sound barrier for the Bradley Manor community along the inner loop of I-495, beginning at Greentree Road and ending approximately 2,600 feet east of Greentree Road toward Fernwood Road in Montgomery County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with the following information from the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the sound barrier plans for residences currently receiving high levels of traffic noise and the need to determine that at least 75 percent of those impacted property owners approve of the sound barrier placement. There were approximately 13 homeowners present. We have followed up with those homeowners who were unable to attend the meeting by providing them with copies of the materials distributed at the meeting. Those impacted homeowners not in attendance were also provided with postage-paid ballots to signify their approval or disapproval of the sound barrier project. At the community's request, SHA will contact the community when the 75 percent concurrence is achieved and will also perform post-barrier construction noise level measurements.

Enclosed, for your information, are copies of the meeting's distributed materials: the agenda; an information sheet listing typical noises in the environment and their respective noise levels; a plan sheet showing the location of the proposed sound barrier, current noise levels, proposed noise reductions and cross-sections of the roadway; and a copy of our brochure, *Community Resource Guide On Sound Barriers*.

Construction of the sound barrier project is currently scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2001 and will take up to two years to complete. As this project is being included with the construction of two other nearby sound barriers along I-495, the actual start date for the Bradley Manor sound barrier will depend on the contractor's proposed sequence of construction. The finished surface of the proposed sound barrier will be exposed aggregate on the residential side and a double-raked finish on the highway side. The highway side of the barrier would also be stained a dark brown to match other nearby existing sound barriers.

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The Honorable Marilyn Goldwater Page Two

Thank you for your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams Administrator

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Copy of meeting's Agenda

Copy of Sound informational sheet

Copy of meeting display (11" x 17") - Plan of community showing placement of proposed sound barrier, existing noise levels, calculated noise reduction after placement of barrier, cross-sections, impacted-and-benefited properties and benefited properties

One copy of MDOT/SHA brochure, Community Resource Guide On Sound Barriers





Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

September 11, 2000

The Honorable Marilyn Goldwater Maryland House of Delegates 221 Lowe House Office Building 6 Governor Bladen Boulevard Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Goldwater:

This letter is a follow-up to the August 22 informational meeting, hosted by the State Highway Administration (SHA) at the Davis Community Library, regarding a sound barrier for the Longwood community along the inner loop of I-495 between Bradley Boulevard and Greentree Road in Montgomery County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with the following information.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the sound barrier plans for residences currently receiving high levels of traffic noise and the need to determine that at least 75 percent of those impacted property owners approve of the placement of the barrier. An overview and materials from the meeting have been mailed to those homeowners not in attendance at the meeting. Enclosed, for your information, are copies of the materials distributed at the meeting.

Several homeowners raised the following issues: placing the sound barrier on private property in several areas; possibly constructing the barrier in the median between the inner and outer loops of I-495; and determining whether the difference in elevation between the inner and outer loops was considered in the barrier design. We will review and evaluate these requests and, once our review is complete, we will forward the results.

Construction of the sound barrier project is currently scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2001 and will take up to two years to complete. As this project is being included with the construction of two other nearby sound barriers along I-495, the actual start date may shift depending on the contractor. The finished surface of the proposed sound barrier will be exposed aggregate on the residential side and a double-raked finish on the highway side, similar to existing nearby sound barriers.

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The Honorable Marilyn Goldwater Page Two

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Sincerely,

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#### **Enclosures:**

One copy of the 07/18/2000 meeting's Agenda

One copy of **Sound** informational sheet

One set of 11" x 17" sheets (total of 3 sheets): Plan of Study Area and Cross Sections (2 pages)



Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

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August 15, 2000

The Honorable Marilyn Goldwater Maryland House of Delegates 221 Lowe House Office Building 6 Governor Bladen Boulevard Bethesda MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Goldwater:

This is a follow-up to the July 17 informational meeting, hosted by the State Highway Administration (SHA) at the Ashburton Elementary School, regarding a sound barrier for the Wildwood Manor community along the I-270 East Spur in Montgomery County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with the following information.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the sound barrier plans for residents currently receiving high levels of traffic noise and the need to determine that at least 75 percent of those property owners approve of the placement of the barrier. An overview and materials from the meeting have been mailed to those homeowners not in attendance at the meeting. Enclosed, for your information, are copies of the materials distributed at the meeting.

Several issues were raised, and several homeowners asked SHA to extend the sound barrier beyond Rossmore Court. They also asked us to discuss the removal of the right-of-way fence with each homeowner. We will review and evaluate these requests and, once our review is complete, we will forward the results.

Construction on the sound barrier project is currently scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2001 and will take up to two years to complete. As this project is being included with the improvements along I-270, the actual start date may shift depending on the contractor. The finished surface of the proposed sound barrier will be exposed aggregate on the residential side and a double-raked finish on the highway side.

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One copy of Sound informational sheet

One set of two 11" x 17" sheets: Aerial photo of Study Area and Cross Sections in community



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Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

August 11, 2000

The Honorable Marilyn Goldwater Maryland House of Delegates 221 Lowe House Office Building 6 Governor Bladen Boulevard Bethesda MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Goldwater:

The State Highway Administration will conduct an informational meeting for the homeowners of the Bradley Manor community to report on the progress of the sound barrier project along I-495. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, 2000, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Wyngate Elementary School, 9300 Wadsworth Drive, Bethesda. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated: We look forward to meeting with you on September 13. If you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by e-mail, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams

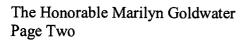
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July 5, 2000

The Honorable Marilyn Goldwater Maryland House of Delegates 221 Lowe House Office Building 6 Governor Bladen Boulevard Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Goldwater:

Thank you for your recent letter on behalf of Mr. Devin Doolan, counsel for Patrick and Susan Wilson, regarding the sound barrier evaluation for the Grosvenor Woods community, along the eastbound I-270 East Spur, in Montgomery County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide the following information.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) considers the need for sound barriers in two circumstances, designated "Type I" and "Type II." In "Type I" situations, barriers are considered when a new highway is being built or an existing highway is being expanded. We do so to comply with environmental laws that were passed in the 1970s that require the evaluation of a range of potential environmental impacts, including noise. Under these laws, SHA performs an environmental analysis to determine if future noise levels will equal or exceed the impact threshold of 66 decibels and, if so, whether those noise levels can be reduced for a reasonable cost. Affected homes must predate the approval of the highway improvements.

When a highway already exists and is *not* being expanded - so that Type I criteria do not apply - a community that predates the original highway may be considered for a "Type II," or retrofit, barrier. The intent of the Type II program is to address areas of noise impact along fully access controlled highways (where access to and from the highway is by interchange rather than by at-grade intersections) that were built before environmental analyses became a part of the highway development process. The following technical criteria must be met for a barrier to be approved: the majority of the affected homes must predate the highway; existing noise levels must equal or exceed the 66 decibel impact threshold; and an effective barrier must be able to be built for \$50,000 or less per benefited home. If these criteria are met, the County in which the community is located must have an ordinance that addresses the impact of noise on new residential development, and the County must agree to fund 20 percent of the barrier cost.

My telephone number is <u>410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770</u>

The Honorable Marilyn Goldwater Page Two

The Wilsons' concerns are certainly understood; however, SHA has never indicated in the past that a sound barrier would be constructed for the Grosvenor Woods community. It is unfortunate that information to the contrary was provided by non-SHA personnel. In May and July 1993, SHA responded to a request for sound barriers from Mr. David Bader, Managing Agent for the Grosvenor Homeowners Association (copies enclosed). In those letters, it was outlined that the community did not meet the date criterion for a sound barrier. As the basic date criterion is not met, there is nothing that SHA can offer in this situation.

Thank you for again for your recent letter and your continued interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. I regret that I cannot provide a positive response. If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Charles Adams, Director, Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at cadams@sha.state.md.us.

Sincerely

Parker F. Williams Administrator

#### **Enclosures**

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One copy of July 12, 1993 letter to Mr. David H. Bader, Managing Agent for the Grosvenor Homeowners Association

One copy of April 14, 1998 "good news" announcement letter to Montgomery County Executive Douglas M. Duncan from Governor Glendening



Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator



June 16, 2000

The Honorable Marilyn Goldwater Maryland House of Delegates 221 Lowe House Office Building 6 Governor Bladen Boulevard Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Goldwater:

The State Highway Administration will hold an informational meeting for the homeowners of the Longwood community to report on the progress of the sound barrier project along the inner loop of I-495 from Bradley Boulevard to Greentree Road. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 12, 2000, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Davis Community Library, 6400 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. We look forward to meeting with you on July 12. If you have any questions before the meeting, please feel free to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to our Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
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Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

June 13, 2000

The Honorable Marilyn Goldwater Maryland House of Delegates 221 Lowe House Office Building 6 Governor Bladen Boulevard Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Goldwater:

The State Highway Administration will conduct an informational meeting for the homeowners of the Wildwood Manor community to report on the progress of the sound barrier project along I-270. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18, 2000, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Ashburton Elementary School, 6314 Lone Oak Drive, Bethesda. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. We look forward to meeting with you on July 18. If you have any questions before the meeting, please feel free to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, of our Office of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us.

Sincerely,

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Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

October 26, 2000

The Honorable Michael R. Gordon Maryland House of Delegates 416 Hungerford Drive Rockville MD 20850-4127

Dear Delegate Gordon:

This letter is a follow-up to the October 19 informational meeting, hosted by the State Highway Administration (SHA) at the Quince Orchard High School, regarding sound barriers for the Owens Glen and Westleigh communities along MD 28 in Montgomery County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with the following information from the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the sound barrier plans for the residences of these two communities that will receive high levels of traffic noise as a result of the improvements planned for MD 28. In addition, we needed to determine that at least 75 percent of those impacted property owners in the two communities approve of the sound barrier placement. Approximately 100 homeowners were present at the meeting. Ballots were distributed to impacted property owners in attendance. An overview, materials from the meeting and ballots for impacted homeowners have been mailed to those homeowners who were unable to attend. Enclosed, for your information, are copies of the distributed materials: the agenda from the meeting; an information sheet listing typical noises in the environment; plan sheets showing the sound barriers' locations for both communities, current noise levels, and proposed noise reductions; cross-section views of the communities; and a copy of our brochure, *Community Resource Guide On Sound Barriers*. Construction of the improvements to MD 28, which will incorporate the sound barrier project, is currently scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2001 and be completed by the Spring of 2003.

My telephone number is <u>410-545-0400 or 1-800-2</u>06-0770

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The Honorable Michael R. Gordon Page Two

Thank you for your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams Administrator

#### **Enclosures**

cc:

Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway

Administration

Ms. Natalie B. Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

## The Honorable Michael R. Gordon Page Three



bcc:

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Ms. Theo Owens, Special Assistant to the District Engineer, State Highway Administration

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Mr. T.E. Severe, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration Mr. Charlie K. Watkins, District Engineer, State Highway Administration

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#### Enclosures:

One copy of meeting's Agenda

One copy of **Sound** information sheet

One copy each (11" x 17") of *Plan Sheet* and *Cross-Section Views* (total of 4 sheets) for each community (Owens Glen and Westleigh)

One copy of MDOT/SHA brochure, Community Resource Guide On Sound Barriers





Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

September 25, 2000

The Honorable Michael R. Gordon Maryland House of Delegates 416 Hungerford Drive Rockville MD 20850-4127

Dear Delegate Gordon:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct a follow-up informational meeting for the Owens Glen and Westleigh communities regarding the proposed sound barriers along MD 28 in Montgomery County. This meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 16, 2000, at 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., at the Quince Orchard High School, 15800 Quince Orchard Road, Gaithersburg, Maryland. The purpose of this meeting is to present the latest information about the sound barrier and to determine if 75 percent of the impacted homeowners approve of the proposed sound barrier. This vote will be taken by ballots provided to each impacted homeowner. Displays will be available from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. We look forward to meeting with you on October 16. If you have any questions before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie B. Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams

Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration Ms. Natalie B. Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

My telephone number is <u>410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770</u>

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The Honorable Michael R. Gordon Page Two

bcc: James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration

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Ms. Theo Owens, Special Assistant to the District Engineer, State Highway

Administration

Ms. Nanette M. Schieke, State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of

Transportation

Mr. T.E. Severe, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration

Mr. Charlie K. Watkins, District Engineer, State Highway Administration

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Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

August 14, 2000

The Honorable Michael R. Gordon Maryland House of Delegates 416 Hungerford Drive Rockville MD 20850-4127

Dear Delegate Gordon:

This letter is a follow-up to the July 19 informational meeting regarding a proposed sound barrier for the Westleigh and Owens Glen communities along MD 28 in Montgomery County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with the following information.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss several sound barrier options that the State Highway Administration (SHA) is analyzing for these communities as a result of the improvements planned for this section of MD 28. The residents were presented with two options for the Westleigh community and three options for the Owens Glen community. Once the preferred placement for the sound barriers has been determined, another meeting will be held to present the findings and to determine if at least 75 percent of those property owners that will be impacted by noise from the improvements are in favor of the barriers. An overview and materials from the meeting have been mailed to those homeowners who were invited but were unable to attend the meeting. Enclosed, for your information, are copies of the materials distributed at the meeting.

Because this project is being included with the improvements along MD 28, the actual start date may shift, depending on the contractor. The finished surface of the proposed sound barrier has not been determined. The project is scheduled to begin construction in the Spring of 2001. Mr. Stephen Ches, Project Engineer from our Highway Design Division, is in the process of scheduling a meeting with you and County representatives to discuss the details of the improvements to MD 28. Once a date is determined, you will be notified.

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The Honorable Michael R. Gordon Page Two

Thank you for your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie B. Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams

Administrator

**Enclosures** 

cc:

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## The Honorable Michael R. Gordon Page Three

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#### **Enclosures:**

One copy of the 07/19/2000 meeting's Agenda

One copy of Sound informational sheet

One set of 11" x 17" sheets: Plan of Study Area and Cross Sections in community, Cases 1-3 (3 sheets), Case 1 and 2 (2 sheets)



## Maryland Department of Transportation The Secretary's Office

May 10, 2000

Parris N. Glendening Governor

Kathleen Kennedy Townsend Lt. Governor

John D. Porcari Secretary

Beverley K. Swaim-Staley Deputy Secretary

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The Honorable David P. Gray
President
Board of Frederick County Commissioners
Winchester Hall
12 East Church Street
Frederick MD 21701-5439

Dear Commissioner Gray:

Governor Parris N. Glendening recently wrote to you regarding sound barriers for the Fairview and Wyngate communities. The Fairview barrier will run along the ramp onto northbound US 15, from West Patrick Street (MD 144) to the existing private sound barrier approximately 1,500 feet to the north. The Wyngate barrier will run along northbound US 15 from Jefferson Street to West Patrick Street (MD 144). The Governor asked me to provide you with details on these barriers, and it is my pleasure to do so.

As stated in the Governor's letters, the Fairview and Wyngate communities meet the technical requirements for sound barriers under the State's Sound Barrier Program. Before we can consider State funding, however, the State's Sound Barrier Policy requires that Frederick County have an ordinance that addresses the impact of noise on new residential development adjacent to State highways, and that the County agree to fund 20 percent of the barrier's cost. The estimated cost of construction of the sound barrier for the Fairview community is \$480,000; that for the Wyngate Community is \$1.31 million. Frederick County's share for Fairview would therefore be \$100,000 and, for Wyngate, \$260,000 The Honorable David P. Gray

It is always a pleasure to work with Frederick County, and we look forward to working with your representatives to make this sound barrier a reality. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design at 410-545-8600 or 1-800-446-5962. Of course, you should always feel free to contact me directly as necessary.

Sincerely.

John D. Porcari Secretary The Honorable David P. Gray Page Two



The Honorable Joseph R. Bartlett, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable C. Sue Hecht, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Alexander Mooney, Member, Senate of Maryland
The Honorable Louise V. Snodgrass, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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PARRIS N. GLENDENING

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April 6, 2000

The Honorable David P. Gray
President, Frederick County Board of County Commissioners
Winchester Hall
12 East Church Street
Frederick MD 21701-5439

Dear David:

cc:

The State Highway Administration is continuing its review of communities in Frederick County to determine their eligibility for sound barriers. As a result, it is my pleasure to inform you that the Fairview community in Frederick meets the technical requirements for a State-funded sound barrier. The barrier will run along the ramp onto northbound US 15 from West Patrick Street (MD 144) and will end at the existing private sound barrier approximately 1,500 feet to the north.

Quality of life issues, such as sound barriers, have been and continue to be one of the cornerstones of my Administration. Whether the issue is highway noise or the condition of our neighborhoods, we strive to provide the best quality of living for our citizens. Major investments in sound barriers have been made during the past five years and will continue to be made as we work to provide relief to communities affected by highway noise.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. John D. Porcari, Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation at 410-865-1000.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening Governor

The Honorable John D. Porcari, Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration



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Mr. T.E. Severe, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration

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PARRIS N. GLENDENING GOVERNOR

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April 6, 2000

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The Honorable David P. Gray
President, Frederick County Board of County Commissioners
Winchester Hall
12 East Church Street
Frederick MD 21701-5439

Dear David:

cc:

The State Highway Administration is continuing its review of communities in Frederick County to determine their eligibility for sound barriers. As a result, it is my pleasure to inform you that the Wyngate community, along northbound US 15 from Jefferson Street to West Patrick Street (MD 144) in Frederick, meets the technical requirements for the State's Sound Barrier Program.

Quality of life issues, such as sound barriers, have been and continue to be one of the cornerstones of my Administration. Whether the issue is highway noise or the condition of our neighborhoods, we strive to provide the best quality of living for our citizens. Major investments in sound barriers have been made during the past five years and will continue to be made as we work to provide relief to communities affected by highway noise.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. John D. Porcari, Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation at 410-865-1000.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening Governor

The Honorable John D. Porcari, Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration



## The Honorable David P. Gray Page Two



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Mr. T.E. Severe, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration

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Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

August 18, 2000



The Honorable Leo E. Green Senate of Maryland 3123 Belair Drive Bowie MD 20715-3198

Dear Senator Green:

This letter is a follow up to your recent telephone conversation with Ms. Natalie Hardy, of our Office of Environmental Design, regarding the sound barrier for the Ardmore community in Prince George's County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide the following information.

The State Highway Administration will proceed with the design and construction of the sound barrier for the Ardmore community. State funding for the project is budgeted. The project is scheduled for advertisement in the Spring of 2001, with construction to begin in the Summer of 2001. Construction of this project could take as long as two years to complete. Enclosed, for your information, is a packet containing correspondence to various members of the community during the past two years.

Thank you for your telephone call and continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or Ms. Hardy, who can be reached at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5692 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams

Administrator

#### **Enclosures**

cc:

Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration Ms. Natalie B. Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

My telephone number is 410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770

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Responding to letter dated: Follow-up to telephone conversations between Sen. Green and Ms.

Natalie Hardy

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#### **Enclosures:**

Correspondence to Mrs. Jacqueline A. Brown (09/09/99, 09/28/99, 10/05/99, 10/22/99, 02/17/2000)

Correspondence to Rev. Mark D. Venson (10/15/99, 02/15/2000, 02/17/2000 (2), 07/12/2000)

Correspondence to Sen. Leo E. Green (06/28/99, 02/11/2000, 04/03/2000)

Correspondence to Philip Cooper, AIA (10/15/99)

#### NOISE INQUIRY CHECKLIST

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From:

NATALIE HARDY

To:

**TED SEVERE** 

Date:

8/10/00 1:52PM

Subject:

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Hi Ted,

Attached is a letter to Senator Green for Parker's signature. Would you please do the usual and process? Don't forget the enclosures.

Thanks,

Natalie



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August 10, 2000

The Honorable Leo E. Green Senate of Maryland 212 James Senate Office Building 110 College Avenue Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Green:

This letter is a follow up to your recent telephone conversation with Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, regarding the sound barrier for the Ardmore community in Prince George's County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide the following information.

The State Highway Administration will proceed with the design and construction of the sound barrier for the Ardmore community. State funding for the project is budgeted. The project is scheduled for advertisement in the spring of 2001, with construction to begin in the fall of 2001. Construction of this project could take as long as two years to complete. Enclosed for your information is a packet, containing correspondence that outline request and response from various members of the community.

Thank you for your call and continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me or Ms. Hardy who can be reached at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5692.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

Ms. Natalie B. Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

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The Honorable Leo E. Green Page Two

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Natalie Hardy

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Enclosure: Copies of all documents pertaining to the subject matter.



Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

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September 9, 1999

Ms. Jacqueline A. Brown 4831 Jefferson Street Lanham MD 20706-4203

Dear Ms. Brown:

The State Highway Administration will conduct an informational meeting for the homeowners of the Ardmore community near the I-95/I-495/US 50 interchange in Prince George's County regarding the construction of a proposed sound barrier. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 7, from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Ebenezer United Methodist Church's Outreach Center, 4910 Whitfield Chapel Road, Lanham, Maryland.

Your attendance is needed in order to determine a consensus on several issues. We look forward to meeting with you on October 7. If you have any questions before our meeting, please feel free to contact me or Ms. Natalie B. Hardy, my Special Assistant, at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams

Director

Office of Environmental Design

cc: Ms. Natalie B. Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

My telephone number is \_\_\_\_\_

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Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

September 28, 1999

Ms. Jacqueline Brown 4831 Jefferson Street Lanham MD 20706-4203

Dear Ms. Brown:

This letter is a follow-up to your recent telephone conversation with Ms. Natalie Hardy, of my staff, regarding information concerning the Ardmore Community near the I-9/495 US 50 interchange in Prince George's County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with this information.

You asked, "Why would Ebenezer Methodist Church be included in the talks for a wall regarding the Ardmore community?" The church is located adjacent to the State's right-of-way; therefore, we would include their concerns in the process for determining if a sound barrier is warranted. Please keep in mind that the concerns of everyone are taken into account and that everyone has an equal voice.

You asked, "Are Varnum and Volta Streets included in the impacted area and are they invited to the meeting?" The existing barrier along US 50 from Whitfield Chapel Road to MD 704 already protects these streets. The Varnum and Volta Streets residents have not been invited to the October 7th meeting at the Ebenezer United Methodist Church's Outreach Center. As mentioned by Ms. Hardy, this meeting is intended to discuss the feasibility of a sound barrier for the Ardmore community.

You asked, "What is being done to address the uniformity of Sound Barriers around the State?" The State Highway Administration (SHA) is currently examining alternatives to the standard noise barrier design.

You asked, "How did the environmental document for the improvements to US 50 address your neighborhood?" In the Final Environmental Impact Statement for US Route 50/301 (Proposed I-68) from I-95 (Capital Beltway) to East of South River Bridge, Section IV, Table IV-3 and page 8, (as outlined) your community was addressed as the residential area south of Route 50 between the Capital Beltway and Maryland Route 704 and included the Ebenezer Methodist Church. There is language to suggest that a sound barrier be proposed for this area. Reasons for the barrier not being built, at the time of the improvement, are unclear. To address this, SHA re-evaluated the area to find if it is feasible to build a sound barrier for your community. The results of that evaluation will be forwarded within the next several weeks.

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As you requested, the following items are enclosed for your use:

- One copy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for US Route 50/301 (Proposed I-68) from I-95 (Capital Beltway) to East of South River Bridge, March 1982
- One copy of MDOT/SHA brochure, Sound Barriers ... A Community Resource Guide

Thank you again for your telephone call and your interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Hardy at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincefel

Charles B. Adams

Director

Office of Environmental Design

#### **Enclosures**

cc:

The Honorable Mary A. Conroy, Member, Maryland House of Delegates

The Honorable Leo E. Green, Member, Senate of Maryland

The Honorable James W. Hubbard, Member, Maryland House of Delegates

The Honorable Joan Pitkin, Member, Maryland House of Delegates

Ms. Natalie B. Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration



Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

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October 5, 1999

Ms. Jacqueline Brown 4831 Jefferson Street Lanham MD 20706-4203

Dear Ms. Brown:

This letter is a follow-up to your request for a copy of the display used during a recent meeting with the Reverend Mark Venson at the Ebenezer United Methodist Church. As requested, enclosed is a copy of the display. Thank you for your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Natalie B. Hardy

Special Assistant to the Director Office of Environmental Design

Enclosure





Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

October 22, 1999

Ms. Jacqueline A. Brown 4831 Jefferson Street Lanham MD 20706-4203

Dear Ms. Brown:

This letter is a follow-up to the October 7 informational meeting, hosted by the State Highway Administration (SHA), regarding a sound barrier for the Ardmore community, adjacent to the southeast quadrant of the I-95/I-495/US 50 interchange in Prince George's County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with the following information.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed sound barrier plan for residents currently receiving high levels of traffic noise, the permanent placement of the sound barrier, and the need to determine that at least 75 percent of the residents are in favor of the placement of the barrier. This vote will be taken after SHA's Preliminary Investigation, which will give the specific length, height, and location of the sound barrier.

Only three property owners were present at the meeting and we wish to follow up with those not in attendance. We are providing the following information: a copy of the display from the meeting that indicates current noise levels and proposed noise reduction, an informational sheet indicating typical noises in the environmental, and a copy of the brochure, *Sound Barriers* ... A Community Resource Guide. We are still in the process of reviewing the information and will keep you informed of the project's progress.

My telephone number is \_\_\_\_\_

Maryland Relay Service for Impaired Hearing or Speech 1-800-735-2258 Statewide Toll Free Ms. Jacqueline A. Brown Page Two



Thank you for interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Natalie B. Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams

Director

Office of Environmental Design

cc: The Honorable Mary A. Conroy, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Leo E. Green, Member, Senate of Maryland
The Honorable James W. Hubbard, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Joan Pitkin, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Marvin F. Wilson, Prince George's County Council



Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

February 17, 2000

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Ms. Jacqueline A. Brown 4831 Jefferson Street Lanham MD: 20706-4203

Dear Ms. Brown:

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October 15, 1999

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February 15, 2000

The Reverend Mark D. Venson, Pastor Ebenezer United Methodist Church 4912 Whitfield Chapel Road Lanham MD 20706

Dear Reverend Venson:

This letter is a follow-up to our recent telephone conversation regarding the appraisal for 4831 Jefferson Street in Lanham. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with this information. Per your request, enclosed is a copy of the appraisal for 4831 Jefferson Street. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962.

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February 17, 2000

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February 17, 2000

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The Reverend Mark D. Venson, Pastor Ebenezer United Methodist Church 4912 Whitfield Chapel Road Lanham MD 20706

Dear Reverend Venson:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding a visualization study as part of the overall study of the Ardmore community, adjacent to the southeast quadrant of the I-95/I-495/US 50 interchange in Prince George's County, for a sound barrier. I appreciate the opportunity to update you with this information.

Now that it has been established that the State cannot participate in the purchase of private property for the purpose of shortening the noise barrier, we would be happy to perform the visual analysis of the barrier on the proposed church facility. By copy of this letter, we would like to assure those living in impacted residences that the visual analysis will have no bearing on the length or height of the barrier as initially proposed. Our policy maintains a goal of 10 decibels of protection to the most severely impacted residences and we have affirmed that performance goal to members of the community. The visual analysis will take approximately two months to complete and we will provide you with the results at that time.

Thank you again for your letter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, of our staff, at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962.

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Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

July 12, 2000

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The Reverend Mark D. Venson, Pastor Ebenezer United Methodist Church 4912 Whitfield Chapel Road Lanham MD 20706

Dear Reverend Venson:

This letter is a follow-up to the June 21 meeting attended by Ms. Natalie Hardy and Mr. James Hade, of our staff, regarding the sound barrier for the Ardmore community, adjacent to the southeast quadrant of the I-95/I-495/US 50 interchange in Prince George's County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide this update.

As you requested, four visualization studies were presented to members of the Building Committee for the Ebenezer United Methodist Church. It was conveyed that you and members of the Committee are concerned about the location of the proposed barrier for fear that it may block the view of the existing structure as well as the planned structure from the neighboring highways. The studies were based upon the possibility of the Church's purchasing 4827 and 4831 Jefferson Street. The four visualizations shown were: the original alignment along the State's right-of-way fence ending adjacent to the church's parking lot; cutting the sound barrier back 48 feet from the original alignment; turning the wall at Ebenezer Lane and extending past the first exit of the parking lot; and ending the wall at Ebenezer Lane.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) has received numerous complaints of highway traffic noise from residents along Jefferson Street. As a result, the area was analyzed and meets the State's technical requirements for a sound barrier. There are approximately sixteen homes experiencing noise levels above the 66-decibel impact threshold. In order to improve the quality of life for these residents, we will proceed with the design to build a sound barrier that will reduce the existing noise levels by 10 decibels for 4831 Jefferson Street. If there are final plans to purchase this property by August 15, please forward those details so that modifications can incorporated into the design plans.

You asked for details about the construction of the barrier and the name of the consultant that could provide the church with a visualization study. The project is scheduled to begin construction in August 2001 and end by approximately August 2003. Because further visual analyses would not benefit the community, we are, therefore, providing the name of a consultant who can provide this service at your expense. This consultant is Mr. Walter Kulis with Johnson Mirmiran & Thompson, 72 Loveton Circle, Sparks, Maryland 21152-0949. Mr. Kulis may be reached at 410-329-3100. An analysis of the noise model shows that ending the proposed sound barrier at end of Ebenezer Lane would give considerably less than the desired 10-decibel noise reduction to 4831 Jefferson Street.

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Thank you for meeting with us. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Hardy, at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by e-mail, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us.

Charles B. Adams

Director

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cc: Ms. Jacqueline A. Brown, Ardmore Community Representative

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Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

June 28, 1999

The Honorable Leo E. Green Senate of Maryland 3123 Belair Drive Bowie MD 20715-3198

Dear Senator Green:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding a sound barrier for the Ardmore community, formerly the Carsondale community, adjacent to the southeast quadrant of the I-95/US 50 interchange in Prince George's County. I appreciate the opportunity to reply to your letter.

As we have discussed previously, Reverend Vincent has expressed his concern that a sound barrier would eliminate the view of his church from the highway. We will be developing information over the next several months to present to you, the community, and Reverend Vincent on the length, height, and location of a barrier to reduce the noise experienced in the community. Once the analysis is complete, we will be pleased to meet with you and representatives of the community to discuss this information. We anticipate the analysis will be completed by the end of September, at which time we will contact your office to arrange a meeting.

Thank you again for your letter and your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

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February 11, 2000



Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

The Honorable Leo E. Green Senate of Maryland 212 James Senate Office Building 110 College Avenue Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Green:

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The Honorable Leo E. Green Page Two

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Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

April 3, 2000

The Honorable Leo E. Green Senate of Maryland 212 James Senate Office Building 110 College Avenue Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Green:

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October 15, 1999

Philip S. Cooper, AIA
Baker Cooper & Associates, P.C.
4000 Albemarle Street, N.W.
Washington DC 20016-1851

Dear Mr. Cooper:

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Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

October 20, 2000

The Honorable Melony Griffith Maryland House of Delegates 2818 Sunset Lane Suitland MD 20746-5202

Dear Delegate Griffith:

This letter is a follow-up to two informational meetings, hosted by the State Highway Administration (SHA) at the Princeton Elementary School, regarding sound barriers for the Princeton/Andrews and Auth Village communities along the inner and outer loops of I-95/I-495 near Auth Road in Prince George's County. The meeting for Princeton/Andrews was held on September 19 and the meeting for Auth Village was held on September 27. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with the following information from these meetings.

The purpose of the meetings was to discuss the sound barrier plans for the residences of these two communities that are currently receiving high levels of traffic noise and to determine that at least 75 percent of those impacted homeowners in the two communities approve of the sound barrier placement. There were approximately four homeowners present at the Princeton/Andrews meeting and eight homeowners present at the Auth Village meeting. Ballots were distributed to impacted property owners in attendance at both meetings. An overview and materials from each meeting have been mailed to those homeowners who were unable to attend the meetings. Ballots for impacted property owners not in attendance have been included in their respective packets. Enclosed, for your information, are copies of the distributed materials: the agendas for each meeting; information sheets listing typical noises in the environment; a plan sheet showing the sound barriers' locations on each side of I-95/I-495, current noise levels, and proposed noise reductions; cross-section views of the communities; and a copy of our brochure, *Community Resource Guide On Sound Barriers*.

Construction of the project is currently scheduled to begin in the Summer of 2001. The portions of the sound barriers west of Auth Road will be similar to the existing sound barrier along the inner loop of I-95/I-495 just west of Auth Road. The portions of the sound barriers east of Auth Road on both sides of I-95/I-495 will have a brick appearance. We estimate that construction could take approximately one year.

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### The Honorable Melony Griffith Page Two



Thank you for your interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams Administrator

### **Enclosures**

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Ms. Natalie B. Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design,

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Responding to letter dated: Follow-up to 09/19/2000 meeting for Princeton/Andrews and

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#### Enclosures:

One copy (each) of Agendas for both meetings

One copy (each) of **Sound** information sheet for both meetings

One copy (11" x 17") of *Plan Sheet* for both communities with cross-section sheets for both communities (total of 5 sheets)

One copy of MDOT/SHA brochure, Community Resource Guide On Sound Barriers





Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

September 8, 2000

The Honorable Melony Griffith Maryland House of Delegates 2818 Sunset Lane Suitland MD 20746-5202

Dear Delegate Griffith:

The State Highway Administration has submitted an application to the Nontidal Wetlands and Waterways Division of the Water Resources Administration (WRA) for a permit to construct a sound barrier for the Auth Village community. The project site is located along the inner loop of I-495 from approximately 1,450 feet east of Auth Road to approximately 445 feet west of Auth Road in Prince George's County. The proposed work consists of the installation of sound barrier.

Since you are an elected official for this community, you are being notified of the proposed project. Persons wishing to review the plans for this project may contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director of the Office of Environmental Design, by mail, at the following address:

Ms. Natalie B. Hardy State Highway Administration Mail Stop C-303 707 North Calvert Street Baltimore MD 21202

If you have any questions concerning then application, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Hardy at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by e-mail, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us.

Sincerely,

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Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

August 30, 2000

The Honorable Melony Griffith Maryland House of Delegates 2818 Sunset Lane Suitland MD 20746-5202

Dear Delegate Griffith:

The State Highway Administration will conduct two informational meetings for the Auth Village and Princeton/Andrews Manor communities regarding the proposed sound barriers along I-95/I-495 near Auth Road in Prince George's County. The meeting for Princeton/Andrews Manor is scheduled for Tuesday, September 19, 2000, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., at the Princeton Elementary School, 6101 Baxter Drive, Suitland, Maryland. The meeting for Auth Village is scheduled for Wednesday, September 27, 2000, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., also at the Princeton Elementary School. The purpose of these meetings is to present information about the sound barriers for these communities. Displays will be available at both meetings from 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Your attendance at these meeting would be appreciated. We look forward to meeting with you on both September 19 and 27. If you have any questions before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us.

Sincerely,

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# Maryland Department of Transportation The Secretary's Office

July 3, 2000

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**Beverley K. Swaim-Staley** Deputy Secretary

The Honorable James S. Grimes Mayor City of Frederick 101 North Court Street Frederick MD 21701-5440

Dear Mayor Grimes:

Governor Parris N. Glendening recently wrote to The Honorable David P. Gray, President of the Board of Frederick County Commissioners, regarding sound barriers for the Fairview and Wyngate communities in the City of Frederick. These two communities meet the technical requirements for sound barriers under the State's Sound Barrier Program. I apologize for not including you in the original announcement.

The Fairview sound barrier would run along the ramp onto northbound US 15, from West Patrick Street (MD 144) to the existing private sound barrier approximately 1,500 feet to the north. The Wyngate sound barrier would run along northbound US 15 from Jefferson Street to West Patrick Street (MD 144). Before we can consider State funding, however, our Sound Barrier Policy requires that the local jurisdiction enact an ordinance that addresses the impact of noise on new residential development adjacent to State highways. In addition, the local jurisdiction must agree to fund 20 percent of the barrier's cost.

As has been our custom, when we determined that these communities met the technical criteria for State funding, we asked the Governor to inform the County and State elected officials of this fact. We also advised them of our requirements for the passage of a noise ordinance and for a commitment of local funding. As it happens, however, these barriers, in addition to being physically located in Frederick County, are also located entirely within the limits of Frederick City. To complicate matters, both Frederick City and Frederick County enjoy the authority to control land use. This is the first instance in which we have encountered this situation, and our policy speaks only to the role of the "local jurisdiction." In light of this unusual situation, we would appreciate the opportunity for State Highway Administration (SHA) staff to convene a meeting with you, County elected officials, and other appropriate staff members to discuss how our requirements for a local zoning ordinance should be met. Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, will contact you soon to set up a meeting.

The Honorable James S. Grimes Page Two

In addition, we would be available to facilitate any discussions between City and County staff, on the issue of funding responsibility, if asked. The estimated cost of construction of the sound barrier for the Fairview community is \$480,000 and that for the Wyngate community is \$1.31 million. The local jurisdiction's share for Fairview would, therefore, be \$100,000 and, for Wyngate, \$260,000.

It is a pleasure to work with the City of Frederick and with Frederick County, and we look forward to seeing these sound barriers become a reality. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Adams at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at cadams@sha.state.md.us. He will be happy to assist you. Of course, you should always feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely.

John D. Porcari Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

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Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

May 5, 2000

The Honorable Sharon Grosfeld Maryland House of Delegates 9906 Old Spring Road Kensington MD 20895-3235

Dear Delegate Grosfeld:

This letter is a follow-up to the April 12 informational meeting with residents of the Parkview Estates community regarding the progress of the proposed sound barrier. I appreciate the opportunity to update you on the outcome of the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the permanent placement of the sound barrier, noise reduction, and the schedule for the project.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) decided, after careful review with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, that the location of the barrier would be along I-495 instead of closer to the residences. There were several inquiries from the residents about positioning the sound barrier on park property. Because this latter option was not feasible, the alignment adjacent to the highway was chosen. Since the sound barrier is being placed further away from the residences, an increase in the height of the wall is necessary to achieve the desired 7 to 10 decibel noise reduction. We anticipate beginning construction in the Spring of 2001 and completing the project in the Fall of 2002. Copies of the handouts given out at the meeting are enclosed for your reference.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, of our Office of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams

Administrator

### **Enclosures**

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### **Enclosures:**

One copy of SHA Noise Analysis Informational Meeting Park View Estates, April 12, 2000

One copy of Park View Community Noise Abatement Wall I-495 from 2000' West of Jones Mill Road (Location Plan/Map)

One copy of profiles of Wall Between Residence and I-495 (Looking East) - 2 different profiles





Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

April 11, 2000

The Honorable Sharon Grosfeld Maryland House of Delegates 223 Lowe House Office Building 6 Governor Bladen Boulevard Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Grosfeld:

On Wednesday, April 12, 2000, at 7:00 p.m., the State Highway Administration will present information to the Parkview Estates Citizens Association regarding the progress of the proposed sound barrier along I-495. This meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Greenspoon, 3223 Parkview Road, in Chevy Chase.

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Natalie B. Hardy, of our Office of Environmental Design, 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962.

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Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

November 24, 2000

The Honorable Andrew P. Harris Senate of Maryland 307 James Senate Office Building 110 College Avenue Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Harris:

Thank you for your recent letter on behalf of your constituent, Mr. C. Richard Lehnert, regarding highway noise along southbound I-83 near Old Belfast Road in Baltimore County. Mr. Lehnert had inquired about the use of an earthen berm to mitigate noise for the Priceville community. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your constituent's concerns.

In general, earthen berms are the first consideration for highway noise mitigation. They do, however, require a greater amount of space than that needed for a sound barrier wall. The preliminary noise report for the Priceville community indicates that a sound barrier with an average height of 18 feet would be required to reduce highway noise effectively. To build a stable berm of this height, its base would need to be approximately 111 feet wide. Unfortunately, the existing residences are too close to the highway to allow such a width.

Thank you again for your letter. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640, 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at cadams@sha.state.md.us. He will be happy to assist you.

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## The Senate of Maryland

Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

October 24, 2000

Charles B. Adams, Director
Office of Environmental Design
Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration
P.O. Box 717
Baltimore, MD 21203-0717

Dear Mr. Adams:

I am writing to provide you with a copy of a letter I received from C. Richard Lehnert, a member of the Greater Sparks Glencoe Community Council who has been actively involved in the issue of the Priceville sound barrier. In his letter, he describes a possible alternative sound barrier system in use in Germany that uses earthen berms in place of concrete walls.

I share Mr. Lehnert's opinion that this alternative could be a very attractive compromise between those whom the traffic noise from I-83 negatively affects and those who do not want to see the rural character of the area altered. I ask, as you consider the various proposals developed by your engineers for this project, that this intriguing possibility be given full consideration.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call.

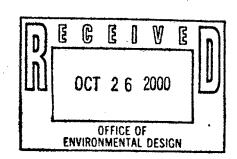
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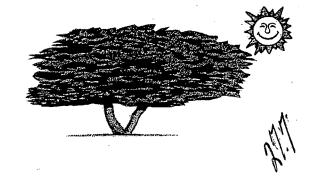
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Enclosure



Dick and Alice Lehnert 707 Old Belfast Road, Sparks, Maryland 21152 Phone No. 410 771 4560 Fax No. 410 472 3205



May 24, 2000

ANDREW P. HARRIS
307 JAMES SENATE OFFICE BLDG.
ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401-1991

410 841 3706 (B) 410 841 3750 (FAX)

ATTN: SENATOR HARRIS.

LAST YEAR I HAD WRITTEN TO YOU EXPRESSING MY OPPOSITION TO YOUR PLAN TO INSTALL SOUND BARRIERS ALONG I 83 ALONGSIDE THE BELLCLARE COMMUNITY. YOUR RESPONSE WAS NOTED IN A LETTER JULY 9<sup>TH</sup> 1999 AND SINCE THEN WE HAVE HAD SOME MORE COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE STATE PERSONNEL.

LATER I MET YOUR ASSISTANT, KEVIN, AT A TOWSON ROTARY MEETING AND EXPRESSED MY CONCERNS ABOUT THE CONCRETE BARRIERS TO HIM AT THAT TIME. I CONTINUE TO BE UPSET WITH YOUR DESIRE TO PLACE CONCRETE BARRIERS ALONG THE INTERSTATE (183) IN AN AREA WHICH IS DEFINITELY COUNTRY.

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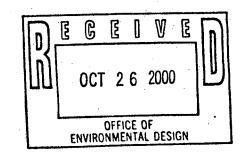
SINCE YOU SEEM TO HAVE AN OPEN MIND IN THE CHOICE OF THE METHOD OF SOUND REDUCTION I AM SUGGESTING THAT YOU CONSIDER THE USE OF EARTH BERMS LIKE THOSE SHOWN IN THE PICTURES.

THANKING YOU FOR YOUR AGREEABLE CONSIDERATION IN THIS SITUATION.

SINCERELY,

C. RICHARD LEHNERT

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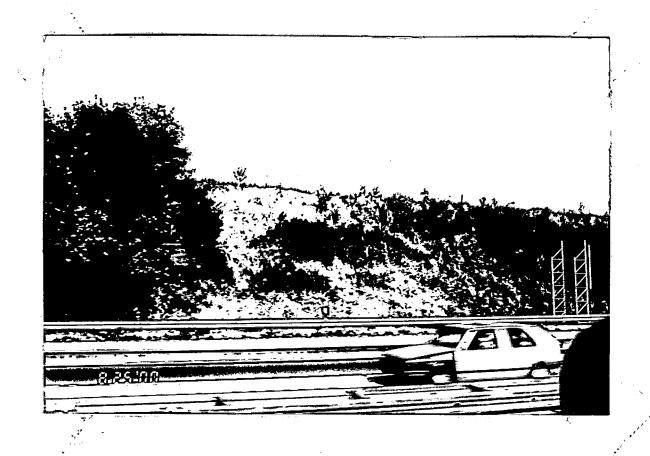


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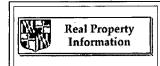
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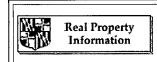
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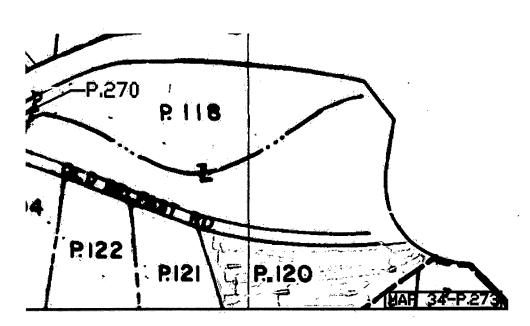


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to Sen. Harris

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From:

**NATALIE HARDY** 

To: Date:

TED SEVERE 8/10/00 2:21PM

Subject:

Priceville Letter

Hi Ted-

Attached is a letter requested by Senator Harris' office. Would you please process?

Thanks,

Natalie

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August 10, 2000

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The Honorable Andrew P. Harris Senate of Maryland 307 James Senate Office Building 110 College Avenue Annapolis MD 21401-1991

The Honorable A. Wade Kach The Honorable Martha S. Klima Maryland House of Delegates 308 Lowe House Office Building 6 Governor Bladen Boulevard Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Harris and Delegates Kach and Klima:

The is a follow up to a recent telephone conversation with Ms. Natalie Hardy, our Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design with Mr. Kevin Reigrut, aide to Senator Harris regarding a sound barrier for the Priceville community. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with this information.

The State Highway Administration has evaluated the Priceville community and
determined that it meets the technical requirements for sound barriers under the State's program.
The next step is for Baltimore County to agree to fund 20 percent of the cost to install the barrier.
We need this commitment before we can consider State funding. The cost for Priceville sound
barrier is approximately and the County's share is State funding will be dependent
upon the availability of funds in the Department's Consolidated Transportation Program. The
current estimated cost for the Priceville sound barrier is, and Baltimore County's share would be We will coordinate with the County concerning the funding and will keep you informed as we work through this process.

Thank you for your call and continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me or Ms. Hardy, who can be reached at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5692.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams Administrator

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cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

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The Honorable Sue Hecht
Maryland House of Delegates
324 Lowe House Office Building
6 Governor Bladen Boulevard
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Sue:

cc:

The State Highway Administration is continuing its review of communities in Frederick County to determine their eligibility for sound barriers. As a result, it is my pleasure to inform you that the Fairview community in Frederick meets the technical requirements for a State-funded sound barrier. The barrier will run along the ramp onto northbound US 15 from West Patrick Street (MD 144) and will end at the existing private sound barrier approximately 1,500 feet to the north.

April 6, 2000

Quality of life issues, such as sound barriers, have been and continue to be one of the cornerstones of my Administration. Whether the issue is highway noise or the condition of our neighborhoods, we strive to provide the best quality of living for our citizens. Major investments in sound barriers have been made during the past five years and will continue to be made as we work to provide relief to communities affected by highway noise.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. John D. Porcari, Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation at 410-865-1000.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening

Governor

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The Honorable Sue Hecht Maryland House of Delegates 324 Lowe House Office Building

6 Governor Bladen Boulevard Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Sue:

CC:

The State Highway Administration is continuing its review of communities in Frederick County to determine their eligibility for sound barriers. As a result, it is my pleasure to inform you that the Wyngate community, along northbound US 15 from Jefferson Street to West Patrick Street (MD 144) in Frederick, meets the technical requirements for the State's Sound Barrier Program.

April 6, 2000

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Sincerely.

Parris N. Glendening Governor

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# Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration



Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

November 29, 2000

The Honorable Paula Colodny Hollinger Senate of Maryland 206 James Senate Office Building 110 College Avenue Annapolis MD 21401-1991

The Honorable Michael J. Finister Maryland House of Delegates 12147 Faulkner Drive Owings Mills MD 21117-1261

The Honorable Dan K. Morhaim Maryland House of Delegates 8 Park Center court, Suite 100 Owings Mills MD 21117-5609

The Honorable Robert Zirkin Maryland House of Delegates P.O. Box 239 Owings Mills MD 21117-0239

Dear Senator Hollinger and Delegates Finifter, Morhaim, and Zirkin:

This is a follow-up to the State Highway Administration's (SHA) September 25 informational meeting for the Longford North community in Baltimore County regarding the planned sound barrier project along southbound I-83. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with this update.

One step in the State's Sound Barrier Policy requires that 75 percent of the impacted homeowners in the community must be in favor of the sound barrier project before SHA completes the design of the barrier and begins construction. By a ballot vote following the recent informational meeting, the Longford North community has reached the required 75 percent concurrence. We anticipate that construction will begin in the Summer of 2001.

Concurrence confirmation letters have been forwarded to those Longford North homeowners considered to be "impacted" and "benefited." Enclosed, for your information, is a list of those homeowners.

My telephone number is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770

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Mailing Address: P.O. Box 717 • Baitimore, MD 21203-0717 Street Address: 707 North Calvert Street • Baltimore, Maryland 21202 The Honorable Paula Colodny Hollinger The Honorable Michael J. Finifter The Honorable Dan K. Morhaim The Honorable Robert Zirkin Page Two



Thank you for your continuing interest in the State's sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at <a href="mailto:cadams@sha.state.md.us">cadams@sha.state.md.us</a>. Of course, you should feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

### Enclosure

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Enclosure:

List of Longford North Property Owners



I-83 – Longford North						
Property Owners	Address					
Grace English Ev. Lutheran Church	8601 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-3929					
Mr. and Mrs. John P. Arscott	8700 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-4001					
Rev. and Mrs. Earl D. Baldwin	807 Branford Circle, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-3918					
Mr. and Mrs. James E. Berner	8704 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-4001					
Mr. and Mrs. Stanton L. Bien	802 Branford Circle, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-3917					
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald P. Bowers	8608 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-3928					
Mr. and Mrs. John W. Brandenburg	808 Branford Circle, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-3917					
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel C. Chelton, 2nd	8705 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-4002					
Mr. Thomas Clary	8604 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-3928					
Ms. Helen Ann Clemsen	8703 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-4002					
Ms. Marjorie Cottrill	8723 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-4002					
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Coulson	8721 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-4002					
Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Davis	8717 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-4002					
Mr. and Mrs. John H. Dolle	813 Branford Circle, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-3918					
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Dore	806 Branford Circle, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-3917					
Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Dorsey	8618 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-3930					
Mr. and Mrs. Kevin F. Doyle	8712 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-4001					
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dunn	8606 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-3928					
Mr. Russell L. Faulkner, Jr.	8617 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-3929					
Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Freuthal	8522 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-3933					
Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Gregory	8719 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-4002					
Mr. and Mrs. James G. Guidera	8702 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-4001					
Mr. and Mrs. Ved K. Gupta	8625 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-3929					
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Hare	8731 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-4002					
Mr. and Mrs. Michael M. Harrington	8715 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-4002					
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence J. Hayward	8521 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-3926					
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Heideman	809 Branford Circle, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-3918					
Mr. Philip E. Hickman	8619 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-3929					
Ms. Alice F. Hill	807 Dartmoor Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-3920					
Mr. and Mrs. Roger L. Holden	8707 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-4002					
Mr. John D. Hoover	8513 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-3926					

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Col. and Mrs. George M. Hunt	8515 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-3926
Mr. and Mrs. Mark K. Jones	4 Hayden Court, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-3922
Mr. and Mrs. Harvey C. Jones, III	8612 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-3928
Mr. and Mrs. Deuk Sun Kim	8623 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-3929
Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Kyle	810 Branford Circle, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-3917
Ms. Gloria G. Langenfelder	8519 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-3926
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald L. Makowske	819 Branford Circle, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-3918
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond T. Makowske	8621 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-3929
Mr. Thomas J. Malone Ms. Mary D. Tridone	8517 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-3926
Mr. and Mrs. John C. Martello, Jr.	8711 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-4002
Mr. and Mrs. John J. McCormack	8614 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-3928
Mr. and Mrs. Brian P. McCoy	8729 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-4002
Mr. and Mrs. James L. Miller	8727 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-4002
Mr. and Mrs. Harvey K. Morrell	8506 Tallwood Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-3914
Mr. and Mrs. William T. Paul	8708 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-4001
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Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Redd, Sr.	8701 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-4002
Mr. and Mrs. Dale P. Roger	804 Branford Circle, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-3917
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald W. Scates	8710 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-4001
Mr. and Mrs. Guy B. Schmidt, Jr.	8520 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-3933
Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Schroeder	8600 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-3928
Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Schroeter	8610 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-3928
Mr. and Mrs. James M. Sorace	8620 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-3930
Mr. Rudi Tahedl	811 Branford Circle, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-3918
Mr. and Mrs. John D. Thomas	8706 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-4001
Mr. and Mrs. Warren H. Wagner	8602 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-3928
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Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Y. Won	8507 Thornton Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-4800
Ms. Mae S. Ms. Beth Fowler	821 Branford Circle, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-3918

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## Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration

Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

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October 19, 2000

The Honorable Paula Colodny Hollinger Senate of Maryland 206 James Senate Office Building 110 College Avenue Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Hollinger:

Thank you for attending the September 25 informational meeting, hosted by the State Highway Administration (SHA) at the Grace English Lutheran Church, regarding a sound barrier for the Longford North community along southbound I-83 above Seminary Avenue in Baltimore County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with information from the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the sound barrier plans for the residences currently receiving high levels of traffic noise and to determine that at least 75 percent of those impacted property owners approve of the sound barrier placement. There were approximately 41 homeowners present. Ballots were distributed to impacted homeowners in attendance. An overview and materials from the meeting have been mailed to those homeowners who were unable to attend the meeting. Ballots for impacted homeowners not in attendance at the meeting have been included in their respective packets. Enclosed, for your information, are copies of the distributed materials: the agenda; an information sheet listing typical noises in the environment; two plan sheets showing two possible sound barrier locations, current noise levels, and proposed noise reduction; cross-section views of the community; and a copy of our brochure, *Community Resource Guide On Sound Barriers*.

Construction of the project is currently scheduled to begin in the Summer of 2001. This project is being included with another sound barrier project for the Country Club Par community located directly across I-83 from the Longford North community. The actual start date will be dependent on the contractor's proposed sequence of construction. The finished surface of the proposed sound barrier will be similar to existing sound barriers in the area.

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The Honorable Paula Colodny Hollinger Page Two

Thank you for your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, of our staff, at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at whardy@sha.state.md.us.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams Administrator

### **Enclosures**

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

Ms. Natalie B. Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration 3 . F.

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#### **Enclosures:**

One copy of Agenda for meeting

One copy of Sound information sheet

One copy (11" x 17") of Longford North - Sound Barrier 1 Location

One copy (11" x 17") of Longford North - Sound Barrier 2 Location

One copy (11" x 17") Cross-Sections applicable to Sound Barrier - Locations 1 and 2

One copy of MDOT/SHA brochure, Community Resource Guide On Sound Barriers



### Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration

Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

August 21, 2000



The Honorable Paula Colodny Hollinger Senate of Maryland 206 James Senate Office Building 110 College Avenue Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Hollinger:

The State Highway Administration will conduct an informational meeting for the Longford North community regarding the proposed sound barrier along southbound I-83. This meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 25, 2000, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., at the Grace English Lutheran Church, 8601 Valleyfield Road, Lutherville, Maryland. The purpose of this meeting is to present information about the sound barrier. Displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. We look forward to meeting with you on September 25. If you have any questions before the meeting, please feel free to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by e-mail, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

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April 7, 2000

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The Honorable Paula Colodny Hollinger Senate of Maryland
206 James Senate Office Building
110 College Avenue
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

PAULA:
Dear Senator-Hollinger:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding a sound barrier along the inner loop of I-695 to connect the existing sound barriers ending near Stevenson Road and Greenspring Avenue, respectively, in Baltimore County. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your inquiry.

When the planning and design for the recently completed expansion of I-695 in this area was done, all noise-sensitive land uses along the corridor were evaluated to determine where sound barriers should be built. The property owned by the University of Maryland Foundation, about which you wrote, was one of the areas where sound barriers were not built, as you state. The reason for this is that noise levels on the portion of the property where the mansion is located were expected to be below the impact threshold of 66 decibels after the expansion of the highway. The area of the property directly abutting the highway right of way was and is open and undeveloped. In instances where this is the situation, no further consideration is given to a sound barrier.

Plans are now under consideration for the limited development of this property. I understand your interest in seeing that noise from the highway does not adversely affect the new development. As the proposed development would occur after the expansion of the highway, the issue of highway noise impact will be determined by Baltimore County's noise control ordinance for developments adjacent to State highways. Likewise, the decision on the need to provide noise abatement for the development will be made by Baltimore County. Developments which postdate a highway are not eligible for a State-funded sound barrier.

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Thank you again for your letter. If you have any questions, please let me know or feel free to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA who can be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

John D. Porcari

Secretary

cc: The Honorable Michael J. Finister, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Dan K. Morhaim, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
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March 20, 2000

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

ac Beverly Source States John D. Porcari

Deputy Secretary Maryland Department of Transportation 707 North Calvert Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Sect

I would appreciate your assistance in having a sound barrier constructed along the south side of 695 between Stevenson & Greenspring Road. This area is where the University of Maryland Foundation Mansion sits on 3020 Old Court Road. This was included in the original plan, barriers have been put up all around it, and this area should also be completed.

I feel very strongly that this property should be a prioritized for a sound barrier and hope you will do what you can to make it a reality. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Paula C. Hollinger

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Hollinger, Paula C

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# \*Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration



Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

February 10, 2000

The Honorable Paula Colodny Hollinger Senate of Maryland 206 James Senate Office Building 110 College Avenue Annapolis MD 21401-1991

The Honorable Michael J. Finifter The Honorable Dan K. Morhaim The Honorable Robert Zirkin Maryland House of Delegates 304 Lowe House Office Building 6 Governor Bladen Boulevard Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Hollinger and Delegates Finifter, Morhaim, and Zirkin:

This letter is to bring you up to date on the status of the sound barrier for the Longford North community along southbound I-83 above Seminary Avenue in Baltimore County. I appreciate this opportunity to provide the following information.

As indicated in Governor Parris N. Glendening's October 28, 1998 letter to you regarding the sound barrier for the Longford North community, Baltimore County has agreed to fund 20 percent of the sound barrier project cost. State funding for the project has been budgeted and the design for the barrier has just begun. Based on the design schedule, we anticipate construction will begin in the late Summer of 2001.

Thank you for your continued interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy of our staff at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams

Administrator

Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

My telephone number is \_\_410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770

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### Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration

Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

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June 19, 2000

Mr. Fred Homan
Director
Baltimore County Office of Finance and Budget
400 Washington Avenue
Towson MD 21204

Dear Mr. Homan:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the funding of sound barrier projects in Baltimore County. The receipt of this commitment will allow us to begin the recommendation of the State's funding for these projects.

As the projects move forward, we will keep you informed of their status. At this time we will begin design of the Country Club Park barrier for inclusion in the project at Longford North. We will also begin organizing a meeting of the necessary stakeholders to find a satisfactory solution for abating highway noise for the community of Priceville.

My telephone number is \_\_\_\_\_\_410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770

Maryland Relay Service for Impaired Hearing or Speech 1-800-735-2258 Statewide Toll Free Thank you for your interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at cadams@sha.state.md.us.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

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# Baltimore County Office of Budget and Finance

400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

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June 2, 2000

Parker F. Williams, Administrator State Highway Administration P. O. Box 717 Baltimore, Maryland 21203-0717

Dear Mr. Williams,

Your letter of March 16, 2000 to County Executive Ruppersberger (copy attached) advised of the need for \$4.29 million as Baltimore County's share of Sound Barrier funding for 9 communities.

County Executive Ruppersberger included that funding request in the Capital Budget that was submitted to the County Council. The \$4.29 million is distributed among Fiscal Years 2002, 2003 and 2004 as suggested by Mr. Charles B. Adams of your office. A copy of the budget submission page is attached. On May 25, 2000, County Council passed the Executive's Capital Budget, as submitted, effective July 1, 2000.

It is our understanding that as a result of this funding commitment, your office will now proceed to move forward with the Sound Barrier Program for the 9 communities.

Yours truly,

Fred Homan ...

Director.

Office of Budget and Finance

Cc: C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger Robert Berner, Public Works ADMINISTRATOR'S OTTICE

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## Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration



Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

March 16, 2000

The Honorable C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger
- Baltimore County Executive
Courthouse
400 Washington Avenue
Towson MD 21204

Dear County Executive Ruppersberger:

This letter is to update you on the communities that now qualify for sound barriers under the State's Sound Barrier Program. The State will consider funding only those sound barrier projects for which we receive a written commitment. At this time, funding allocations have been committed through FY 2004. We will be allocating future funds according to the order in which we receive commitments from all of the counties.

The following chart shows the communities in Baltimore County that meet our technical criteria for sound barriers, along with the estimated costs of each barrier. Once again, we note that it would be best if the Country Club Park community sound barrier were to be built at the same time as the Longford North barrier. We also call to your attention that three additional communities have been qualified since our November 30. 1999 letter to you:

Community*	Cost*	County Share**		
Chesaco Park	\$3.9 million	\$780,000		
Country Club Park	\$2.06 million	\$410,000		
Oriole Avenue	\$1.14 million	\$230,000		
Priceville	\$1.34 million	\$270,000		
Relay	\$4.4 million	\$880,000		
Woodholme Avenue	\$1.52 million	\$300,000		
Ridge Grove	\$3.92 million	\$780,000		
Woodland Heights	\$1.44 million	\$290,000		
Greenlawn/Windsor Park	\$1.73 million	\$350,000		
Total	\$21.45 million	\$4.29 million		

\*Bold represents the new communities
\*\*All County-share costs are rounded to the nearest \$10,000.

My telephone number is \_\_410\_545\_0400 or 1-800-206-0770

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The Honorable C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger Page Two

Thank you for your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. It is always a pleasure to work with Baltimore County, and we look forward to working with your representatives to make these sound barriers a reality. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, who can be reached at  $\pm 10-5\pm 5-8640$  or  $\pm 1-800-446-5962$ .

∕Sincerely ✓

Parker F. Williams Administrator

Mr. Charles R. Olsen, Director, Baltimore County Department of Public Works
Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

CYCLE 6

BUDGET FORM NO. 7

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LOCATION: VARIOUS LOCATIONS ALONG BALTIMORE

COUNTY INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS

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THIS PROJECT FUNDS BALTIMORE COUNTY'S SHARE OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF NOISE BARRIERS ALONG INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS IN THE COUNTY. FUNDS USED TO PARTICIPATE IN STATE PROJECTS.

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# MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION THE ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE (PHONE 410-545-0400 FAX 410-209-5009) REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND PREPARED CORRESPONDENCE TO ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

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Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

November 21, 2000

The Honorable Nancy Hubers Maryland House of Delegates 435B Eastern Boulevard Essex MD 21221-6715

Dear Delegate Hubers:

This letter is a follow-up to Mr. David Malkowski's October 25 letter to you on behalf of your constituent, Mrs. Bernadette Janiski, regarding a sound barrier for the Welbrook Road community along MD 702 in Baltimore County. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your inquiry.

Our Noise Abatement Team Leader, Mr. James Hade, spoke with Ms. Janiski in September regarding the noise study done for her area. Mr. Hade indicated to her that the highway noise levels in her community near MD 702 did not reach the 66 decibel impact threshold. As a result, we are unable to consider a sound barrier. In fact, for highway noise levels to impact her community, the volume of traffic would need to double.

Thank you for your interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. I regret that I cannot provide a positive response. If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Hade at 410-545-8599 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by e-mail, at jhade@sha.state.md.us. Of course, you should always feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely.

Parker F. Williams

Administrator

cc: The Honorable Michael J. Collins, Member, Senate of Maryland
The Honorable Diane DeCarlo, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Vincent Gardina, Member, Baltimore County Council
James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration
Ms. Bernadette M. Janiski

Mr. David Malkowski, District Engineer, State Highway Administration The Honorable Michael H. Weir, Member, Maryland House of Delegates

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## The Honorable Nancy Hubers Page Two

bcc: Ms. Valerie Burnette Edgar, Director of Communications, State Highway Administration

Ms. Natalie B. Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Environmental Design,

State Highway Administration

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Ms. Nanette M. Schieke, State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of

Transportation

Mr. T.E. Severe, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration

Ms. Linda Singer, Community Liaison, State Highway Administration

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Noise Customer #: 2291

Responding to letter dated: Follow-up to 10/10/2000 letter to Dist. Eng. Malkowski from Del.

Nancy Hubers and Dist. Eng. Malkowski's 10/25/2000 letter to Del. Hubers with cc: to Mr.

Charles Adams, OED Director

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Essex, Maryland 21221
410-687-1114
E-Mail NancyHubers@house.state.md.us

# The Maryland House of Delegates Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

October 10, 2000

David Malkowski, District Engineer State Highways Administration 2323 West Joppa Rd. Brooklandville, MD. 21022

Dear Dave,

My office was recently contacted by Mrs. Bernadette Janiski of 503 Welbrook Rd. in Essex concerning the installation of sound barriers along MD 702 near Stemmers Run Middle School. According to Mrs. Janiski a sound study was done several years ago and it was decided that decibel levels were not high enough to warrant the barriers. Mrs. Janiski contends that traffic levels have greatly increased, and therefore she is requesting a new sound study.

Any assistance you or your office could give on this matter would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Delegate Nancy Hubers

cc: Bernadette Janiski





Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

Please Reply to:
Office of the District Engineer
2323 West Joppa Road
Brooklandville MD 21022
410-321-2800
1-800-962-3077

October 25, 2000

The Honorable Nancy Hubers Maryland House of Delegates 435B Eastern Boulevard Essex MD 21221

Dear Delegate Hubers:

Thank you for your recent letter on behalf of your constituent, Mrs. Bernadette Janiski, of Essex. We appreciate you conveying her concerns about roadway noise along MD 702.

All studies, determinations regarding eligibility and noise barrier design are handled by our Office of Environmental Design. The District Office is responsible for the actual construction and maintenance of the barriers. As a result, I am taken the liberty of forwarding your letter to Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design. If you would like to contact Mr. Adams directly, he may be reached at 410-545-8640.

We hope this is helpful in serving your constituent. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions or we may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

David J. Malkowski

Metropolitan District Engineer

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cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams (w/incoming), Director, Office of Environmental Design,
State Highway Administration

My telephone number is \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **BALTIMORE COUNTY**

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**Owner Information** 

Owner Name:

JANISKI BERNADETTE M

**BALTIMORE MD 21221-3410** 

**Use: RESIDENTIAL** 

Mailing Address:

503 WELBROOK RD

**Principal Residence: YES** 

**Transferred** 

From: BUTLER MARK M

**Date:** 06/29/1992

Price: \$68,000

**Deed Reference:** 

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Special Tax Recapture:

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\* NONE \*

Tax Exempt: NO

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WELBROOK

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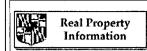
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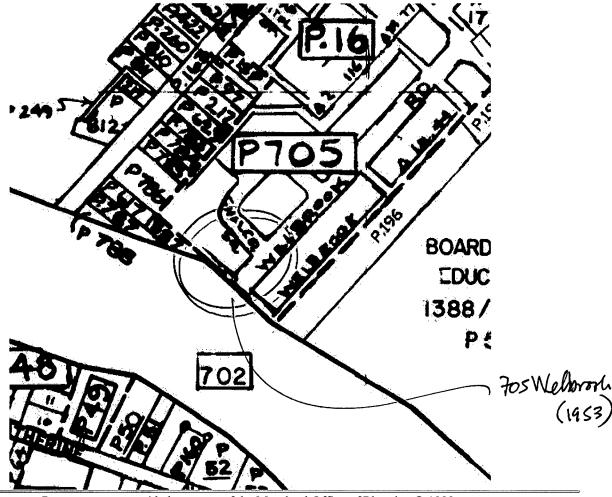
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Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams

Administrator

May 5, 2000

The Honorable John Adams Hurson Maryland House of Delegates 313 Lowe House Office Building 6 Governor Bladen Boulevard Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Hurson:

This letter is a follow-up to the April 12 informational meeting with residents of the Parkview Estates community regarding the progress of the proposed sound barrier. I appreciate the opportunity to update you on the outcome of the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the permanent placement of the sound barrier, noise reduction, and the schedule for the project.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) decided, after careful review with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, that the location of the barrier would be along I-495 instead of closer to the residences. There were several inquiries from the residents about positioning the sound barrier on park property. Because this latter option was not feasible, the alignment adjacent to the highway was chosen. Since the sound barrier is being placed further away from the residences, an increase in the height of the wall is necessary to achieve the desired 7 to 10 decibel noise reduction. We anticipate beginning construction in the Spring of 2001 and completing the project in the Fall of 2002. Copies of the handouts given out at the meeting are enclosed for your reference.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, of our Office of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams

Administrator

Enclosures

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Ms. Nanette M. Schieke, State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of Transportation

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#### **Enclosures:**

One copy of SHA Noise Analysis Informational Meeting Park View Estates, April 12, 2000

One copy of Park View Community Noise Abatement Wall I-495 from 2000' West of Jones Mill Road (Location Plan/Map)

One copy of profiles of Wall Between Residence and I-495 (Looking East) - 2 different profiles





Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

April 11, 2000

The Honorable John Adams Hurson Maryland House of Delegates 313 Lowe House Office Building 6 Governor Bladen Boulevard Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Hurson:

On Wednesday, April 12, 2000, at 7:00 p.m., the State Highway Administration will present information to the Parkview Estates Citizens Association regarding the progress of the proposed sound barrier along I-495. This meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Greenspoon, 3223 Parkview Road, in Chevy Chase.

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Natalie B. Hardy, of our Office of Environmental Design, 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams

Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration Ms. Natalie B. Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

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January 12, 2000

Mr. James M. Irvin
Director
Howard County Department of Public Works
3430 Courthouse Drive
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Charles B. Adams

Director

Office of Environmental Design

cc: The Honorable James N. Robey, Howard County Executive
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### HOWARD COUNTY OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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James N. Robey, County Executive

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December 29, 1999

Ms. Mary J. Coelho
Community Associate Manager
The Asbury Woods Association, Inc.
c/o Alpha Association Management, Inc.
PO Box 936
Bowie, MD 20718-0936

RE: Traffic Calming Concerns

Dear Ms. Coelho: .

I am writing in response to your letter dated December 17, 1999 regarding traffic calming and noise concerns in Asbury Woods. I have contacted the Department of Public Works (DPW) regarding both of these matters and offer the following:

<u>Traffic Calming</u> - A speed/volume study, enclosed, was undertaken on this road in July of 1996. At that time, the average southbound speed was 31.3 mph and northbound was 27.5 mph. These average speeds are faster than one should expect with a posted speed limit of 25 mph. These speeds are possibly due to the like new condition of the road surface and the 38' width of roadbed.

Howard County has a traffic calming policy which was developed by this department and the police. It endorses a three prong attack on speeding: education; enforcement; and engineering retrofit. For Castleford Drive, we would suggest an education campaign before resorting to engineering. We have put through the necessary work order for two additional speed limit signs and have marked the locations with white arrows by the side of the road. The SMART program also should be tried. This program is run by the police department and makes drivers aware of their speeds. It is particularly effective on no outlet roads such as this because most of the speeding drivers are residents who have a direct stake in keeping this a livable and safe community.

If these measures do not work, then engineered traffic calming may be considered. We would work closely with a community Traffic Action Committee in the design of appropriate devices and help present the plan at a community wide meeting. The TAC would poll the homeowners and if 2/3 were in favor, the project would be constructed on an available funding basis. Before you consider engineered traffic calming, I ask that you contact William Malone of the Traffic Division at 410-313-3055 to discuss the process in more detail. Mr. Malone is also available to attend a future Board meeting should you so desire.

Noise - MD 32 is a state roadway and therefore falls under the jurisdiction of the State Highway Administration (SHA). DPW does not have record of any recent request from Asbury Woods for

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a noise study as a result of MD 32 noise, but the County would have deferred to SHA as the lead on this matter. SHA's Noise Policy addresses communities adversely impacted by noise from state highways. The County provides some funding for abatement should the community qualify under SHA policy requirements and should capital funding be approved by the County Council. I am forwarding a copy of this letter and yours to Mr. Charles Adams, Director of SHA's Office of Environmental Design for his consideration.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact my office at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

James N. Robey County Executive

cc: James M. Irvin, DPW w/attachment William Malone, DPW w/attachment LeAnn Kniskern, DPW w/attachment Charles Adams, SHA w/attachment

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THE ASBURY WOODS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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(301) 805-0053

Mr. James N. Robev County Executive Howard County, Maryland 3430 Courthouse Road Ellicott City, Maryland 21043

December 17, 1999

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Dear Mr. Robey:

This letter is in response to concerns discussed by residents and the Board of Directors of the Asubry Woods Association, Inc., Jessup, Maryland 20794. Streets in this community include Sheffield Court, Wellington Place and Cambridge Court.

Specific concern is the traffic on Castleford Drive (see enclosed map) and the Board of Directors and Management respectfully request traffic calming controls (speed bumps, strips) on Castleford Drive and request that the County monitor speed and traffic concerns in the community and other avenues leading to Asbury, ie Vollmerhausen and Guilford Roads.

Management and the Board of Directors also request your assistance with noise concerns from the traffic from Route 32. The rear of the townhomes located on Sheffield Court back to Route 32 and a recent request for a noise study to the County/State was denied. Management and the Board are concerned that the noise level is increasing and may further increase should this road be widened and/or improved. The noise and safety concerns from this highway may (be) affect property values in this community of 123 townhomes and surrounding properties and communities.

The Board of Directors are scheduled to meet the last Monday of each month at the Savage Library, Durness Lane, Laurel, Maryland and would appreciate your attendance at any meeting of the Board and/or membership of the Association. We look forward to your positive response to these requests and wish you and the staff of the various departments of Howard County government the very best this holiday season.

Respectfully\_yours,

Mary J. Coelho, CMCA

Community Association Manager

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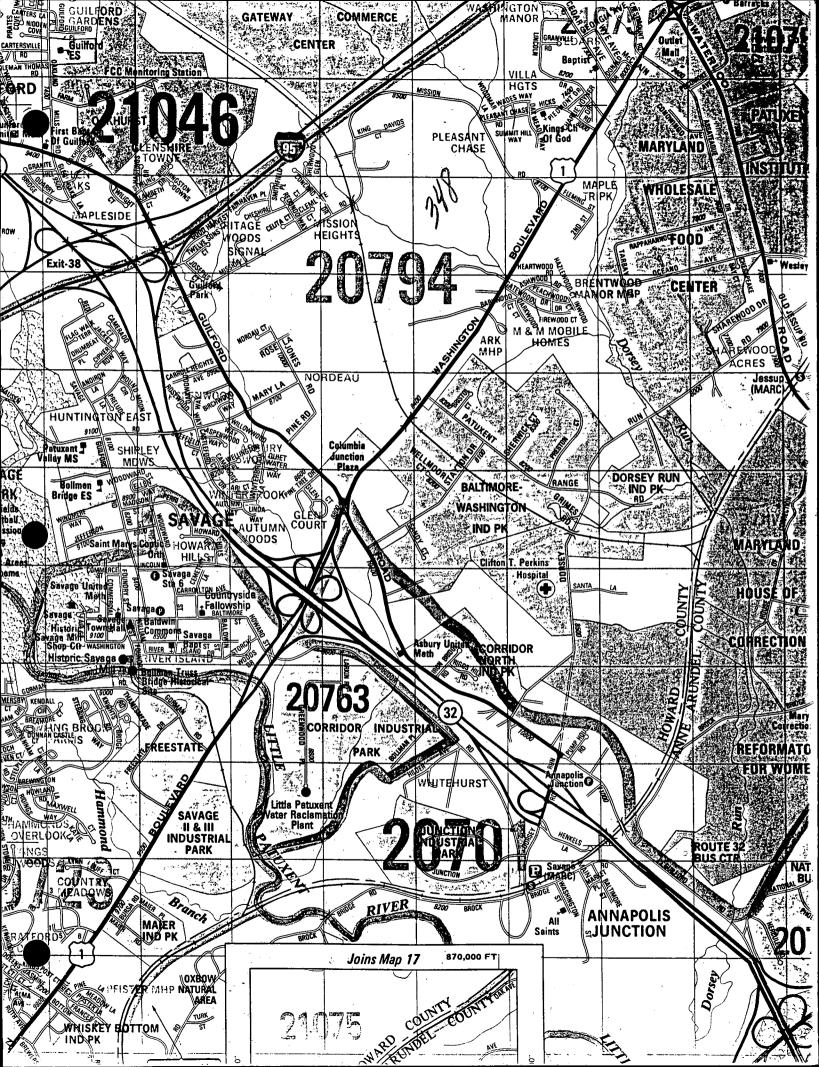
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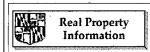
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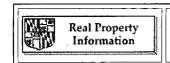
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#### **HOWARD COUNTY**

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DISTRICT: 06 ACCT NO: 484832 **Owner Information** 

Owner Name:

BROMWELL EDWARD R

**BROMWELL NANCY J WF** 

**Mailing Address:** 

26 COUNTRY CLUB LANE PHOENIX MD 21131-1836

Use: RESIDENTIAL

Principal Residence:NO

**Transferred** 

From: RYLAND GROUP INC THE

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**Price:** \$73,850 **Date:** 11/29/1985

**Deed Reference:** 

**Special Tax Recapture:** 

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\* NONE \*

Tax Exempt: NO

**Location Information [View Map]** 

**Premises Address:** 

**Zoning:** Legal Description:

8126 NW SHEFFIELD CT

RSA8 LOT 40 .0402 A

8126 SHEFFIELD COURT

**JESSUP 20794** 

ASBURY WOODS S 1 AR 3

Sect Block Lot Group Plat No: Subdiv Map Grid Parcel

5889

966 47 5

Plat Ref: 40

Special Tax Areas

Town:

Ad Valorem:

A/V, METRO FIRE TAX

**Primary Structure Data** 

Year Built:

**Enclosed Area:** 

**Property Land Area: County Use:** 

1985

1,160 SF

1,742.00 SF

As Of

Value Information

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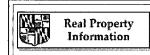
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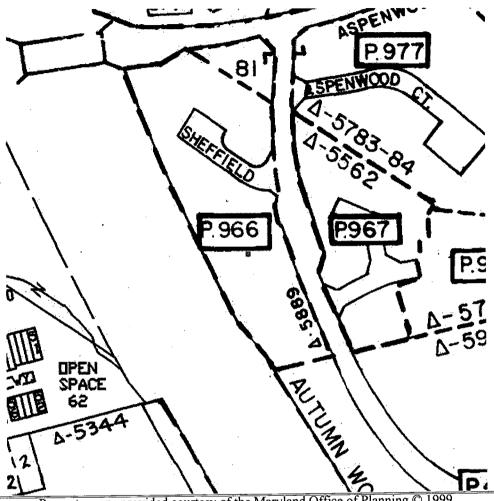
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September 20, 1999



Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

Ms. Mary O. Coelho P.O. Box 936 Bowie MD 20718-0936

Dear Ms. Coelho:

This letter is a follow-up to your recent telephone conversation with Mr. Fred Eisen, of our staff, regarding a sound barrier for the Asbury Woods community, adjacent to MD 32 in Howard County. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your inquiry.

We understand your concerns about highway noise emanating from MD 32 and its impact on the Asbury Woods community. To be eligible for the State's Sound Barrier Program, a community must meet all of the following technical criteria: the majority of the affected homes in the community must predate the highway; existing noise levels must equal or exceed 66 decibels; and an effective barrier must be able to be built for \$50,000 or less per benefited home. Our records indicate that the homes in the Asbury Woods community were constructed after the completion of MD 32. Based on this information, we cannot consider the area for a sound barrier. Enclosed is a copy of our brochure, Sound Barriers ... A Community Resource Guide, for your information.

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Sincerely

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Director

Office of Environmental Design

#### Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Martin G. Madden, Member, Senate of Maryland

The Honorable Shane Pendergrass, Member, Maryland House of Delegates

The Honorable Frank S. Turner, Member, Maryland House of Delegates

Mr. Frederick A. Eisen, Project Manager, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway

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July 19, 2000

The Honorable Philip C. Jimeno Senate of Maryland 402A James Senate Office Building 110 College Avenue Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Jimeno:

This letter is a follow-up to the June 22 informational meeting, hosted by the State Highway Administration (SHA) at the Brooklyn Park Public Library, regarding a sound barrier for the Morris Hill community along MD 695 near the MD 695/MD 2 interchange in Anne Arundel County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with the following information.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the sound barrier plans for residents currently receiving high levels of traffic noise and the need to determine that at least 75 percent of those property owners approve of the placement of the barrier. Several property owners were present at the meeting. Enclosed, for your information, are copies of the materials distributed at the meeting.

The project will widen MD 695 between I-97 and MD 10 to accommodate a third lane both eastbound and westbound. The project also includes outside widening to increase the acceleration lane from southbound MD 2 to westbound MD 695 to meet American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) standards. The typical section of improvement will include 12-foot lanes, 6 to 11-foot shoulders, and a 2-foot barrier separating eastbound and westbound traffic on MD 695.

In addition, a sound barrier, as indicated in the environmental document, should be added to minimize noise impacts to the Morris Hill community. Noise wall 'A' indicates a location along eastbound MD 695 between northbound I-97 and southbound I-895. Median lighting will replace the existing lighting system for the length of the project.

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The Honorable Philip C. Jimeno Page Two

Several issues were raised at the meeting. Prior to the informational meeting, a petition from four of the six property owners impacted by the highway traffic noise was sent to SHA indicating their unwillingness to have a sound barrier placed adjacent to their properties. The State's Sound Barrier Policy provides that 75 percent of those impacted by highway traffic noise must be in favor of a barrier. Taking this information into consideration, the property owners who were present at the meeting (and were not signatories to the pre-meeting petition) asked SHA to review the possibility of placing a berm and tree combination near their homes instead of a sound barrier. It was agreed that we would evaluate the feasibility of this suggestion. When completed, details will be forwarded.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us.

Sincerely.

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

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One copy of June 22, 2000 Meeting Agenda

One copy of Sound informational sheet

One copy (two pages 11" x 17") of Morris Hill plan and typical sections

One copy (11" x 46") overall plan of Morris Hill area





Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

June 7, 2000

The Honorable Philip C. Jimeno Senate of Maryland 402A James Senate Office Building 110 College Avenue Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Jimeno:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the homeowners of the Morris Hill community to report on the progress of the improvements to I-695, from MD 10 to I-97 in Anne Arundel County, including a proposed sound barrier. The meeting is scheduled for June 22, 2000, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Brooklyn Park Public Library located at 1 East 11th Avenue, Brooklyn, Maryland.

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. We look forward to meeting with you on June 22. If you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, of SHA's Office of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by e-mail, at nhardy@sha.state.md.us.

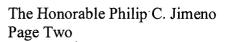
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PARRIS N. GLENDENING GOVERNOR

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March 9, 2000

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The Honorable Philip C. Jimeno Senate of Maryland 402A James Senate Office Building 110 College Avenue Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Phil:

cc:

The State Highway Administration has continued its review of communities in Anne Arundel County to determine their eligibility for sound barriers. As a result, it is my pleasure to inform you that the Glenwood community, along southbound MD 10, south of MD 648, meets the technical requirements for the State's Sound Barrier Program.

Quality of life issues, such as sound barriers, have been and continue to be one of the cornerstones of my Administration. Whether the issue is highway noise or the condition of our neighborhoods, we strive to provide the best quality of living for our citizens. Major investments in sound barriers have been made during the past five years and will continue to be made as we work to provide relief to communities affected by highway noise.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. John D. Porcari, Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation at 410-865-1000.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening Governor

The Honorable John D. Porcari, Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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The Honorable Adrienne A.W. Jones Maryland House of Delegates 309 Lowe House Office Building 6 Governor Bladen Boulevard Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Adrienne:

cc:

The State Highway Administration has completed its review of communities in Baltimore County to determine their eligibility for sound barriers. As a result, it is my pleasure to inform you that the Greenlawn/Windsor Park community, adjacent to I-695 (inner loop) just south of Windsor Mill Road, in Baltimore County, meets the technical requirements for a sound barrier under the State's Type II or retrofit program.

Quality of life issues, such as sound barriers, have been and continue to be one of the cornerstones of my Administration. Whether the issue is highway noise or the condition of our neighborhoods, we strive to provide the best quality of living for our citizens. Major investments in sound barriers have been made during the past five years and will continue to be made as we work to provide relief to communities affected by highway noise.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. John D. Porcari, Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation at 410-865-1000.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening

Governor

The Honorable John D. Porcari, Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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